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# SHOOT view!

**I**t is an unwritten code that if your boss is unhappy with your working performance he has a quiet word with you.

Emphasis is placed on the word quiet. The manager who comes storming on to the factory floor to harangue one of his employees wins few friends.

Similarly, football managers who make public private matters between themselves and their players are guilty of a serious breach of ethics.

The question of whether a manager should reveal the facts about a private dispute between himself and an errant player is highlighted by the hefty shoulder charge Brian Clough gave Garry Birtles in a national soccer magazine.

The Nottingham Forest manager publicly questioned his England striker's attitude. Birtles wasted no time in leaning on the national newspapers to give his side of the story.

"I have always given 100 per cent and never cheated anyone. Brian Clough has given the impression that I have grown too big for my boots. That's what really hurts — the gaffer questioning my attitude."

When will soccer chiefs realise there is only one loser when a club chooses to wash its dirty linen in public. Football is the loser, and in this particular case Nottingham Forest Football Club.

Shabby squabbles aired in print do the game a great disservice. If managers or players wish to make public pronouncements they should confine their remarks to those which enhance football — not knock it.

There are, of course, many great ambassadors for football. They are worth mentioning. Joe Mercer, former Arsenal player and Manchester City manager, has rarely uttered a nasty word to harm football. Matt Busby, the doyen of Manchester United, has solved many player problems with dignity, and the current United boss Dave Sexton follows his lead.

Ron Greenwood, Lawrie McMenemy, Terry Venables, Alan Dicks, John Neal, John Bond, Gordon Milne, Bob Paisley, Dave Sexton, Gordon Lee, John Barnwell, Terry Neill, Keith Burkinshaw, Colin Addison, Ron Saunders, Ron Atkinson, Harry Haslam, Jimmy Adamson and Bob Robson are a few managers who readily polish soccer's image whenever they have an opportunity.

Brian Clough followed up his public slanging match with Birtles by observing that Birtles was getting upset about something "in a kids' magazine".

Shame on the Forest manager. One would have thought that a manager of Clough's experience would appreciate the dangers of making harsh pronouncements guaranteed to influence the receptive minds of young readers.

Your turn to take some advice, Mr. Clough. Wave a rod of iron if you like, but do it behind closed doors.



## Chris Davies meets...

**T**REVOR FRANCIS, England's first £1 million footballer, is learning to walk again. The player who has thrilled fans around Europe has gone right back to basics in his recovery from an Achilles tendon operation. After having the plaster removed, Francis had to go through the motions of simply wiggling his toes and, having achieved that, walking.

He's progressing well and, hopefully, will begin light jogging soon. If every Forest and England supporter was saddened that the injury kept Francis out of the European Cup Final and the European Championship, the player has not felt sorry for himself.

"The way I look at it is that there are still plenty of people worse off than me. People who are crippled, dying, starving, fighting wars... all I have is an Achilles tendon

## 'Despite my injury, I'm better off than most people'

injury. Really, there is nothing wrong with my health. I have a lovely wife and son, a beautiful house — I'm certainly well off compared with most."

Francis won't, however, forget that May afternoon when his world turned upside down. It was the last Saturday of the League season with Forest cruising to victory over Crystal Palace.

He remembers: "My parents were there, so were my brother and sister. It was even the first game for my son, Matthew, who's only nine months. I'd scored twice and was striving for my hat-trick."

"Then — bomp. I knew as soon as I went down it was serious. As players gathered around me, I asked if I'd been kicked. The pain was like being shot and I prayed that one of the Palace players would say 'Yes'. None did."

"When Jimmy Gordon came over I told him my Achilles had gone. He sprayed my ankle, but when I stood up it just gave way under me."

"As I was wheelchaired off, I thought 'I'm going to miss all the big games coming up' and five seconds — yes, just five seconds — after the club specialist saw the ankle he confirmed this."

"I'm a positive thinker by nature. Every time I play I believe I'll be the best man on the field. I have to

# Trevor

believe I can make a full recovery.

"Of course, it would be untrue to say I've had no doubts. The last time I had a bad injury was in 1974 when I ruptured knee ligaments. I was 20 then and it never occurred to me that I might be finished."

"At 26 I'm hardly an old stager, but it's obviously more difficult this time."

"The hardest aspect of it all to accept has been that I went from playing the best football of my career to having to learn to walk again within weeks. It was all so strange..."

Forest won the European Cup without Francis, who watched the Final from a hotel bar in Cannes, where he was on holiday.

"I was on edge all day, just as if I were involved. It hit home when the lads did their lap of honour. I should have been there, I told myself."

"Last year I was, perhaps, fortunate to play against Malmö. It was my European debut and Brian Clough said if he'd had a fully fit squad to choose from I wouldn't have played."

"This time I'd done my bit and would have been there on merit."

It was while Francis was in the South of France that he read in the papers that Forest had accepted a £1.3 million bid from Barcelona.

"I phoned my agent in London and he confirmed this. He said Forest had given the Spanish club permission to talk to me — and they'd like me there immediately."

"It was my first holiday in three years, because of my summers playing for Detroit, and there was no way I was going anywhere."

"At the end of the fortnight I flew to Barcelona, met their directors and was examined by the club doctor. My injury showed up well on the scanner and they said it was healing as quickly as could be hoped."

"To be honest, I was staggered that they even contemplated a bid. They wanted me for training in August, but that was never a reality."

Clough told Francis that the bid was too good to turn down. As there was a doubt about the player ever playing again, Clough felt he couldn't refuse such an offer, although had Trevor been fit the Forest manager wouldn't have listened to Barcelona. Draw your own conclusions from that.

"The door isn't shut with Barcelona by any means. I told them that if they come back for me the price will be nearer £2 million, though."

"I can't think that far ahead. I've got to get fit first of all because if I don't do that I won't be playing for anyone."

"I'm not unhappy at Forest. Ever since I signed there have been rumours that I'm leaving. I feel I'm lucky to be with the Champions of Europe and have one of the

## 'This year I'd have played in the Final on merit'





# Francis

## 'I could still be transferred to Barcelona'



world's top clubs interested in me.

"If, when I'm fit, Forest agree to sell me I'll have to listen to offers, but that's too hypothetical right now."

The reason there have been constant whispers — not always quiet either — that Francis would leave Forest is his relationship with Clough.

The Forest manager and his partner, Peter Taylor, have often criticised Francis — none too subtly at that.

"I don't like this, but what can I do? None of the players likes it, but it's the management's way. Criticism doesn't motivate me. There was a lot of rubbish talked about our European Cup win in East Berlin after I'd been slated following our League Cup defeat.

"The occasion motivated me. We were 0-1 down from the first-leg protecting our European crown. What more motivation could anyone need?

"I play the same way whether it's a friendly or a European tie. Wherever the game is, people have paid money to watch and they're entitled to see plenty of effort.

"Fans may only have one chance of seeing me and I don't like to leave a bad impression be it in Cairo or Gravesend. We say at Forest 'play it right or don't play at all'."

The arrival of another £1 million striker, Ian Wallace, added more doubts about Trevor's future with Forest.

"My first reaction was one of disappointment, but a player tends to be a little selfish, thinking of himself. Brian Clough has to look after the team's interest and as I'll be out for a long while it was natural a replacement should be sought.

"When I do return I hope it's up

front rather than in midfield, although Ian's arrival complicates this. I'm determined to fight for my place and I'll cross those hurdles when I come to them.

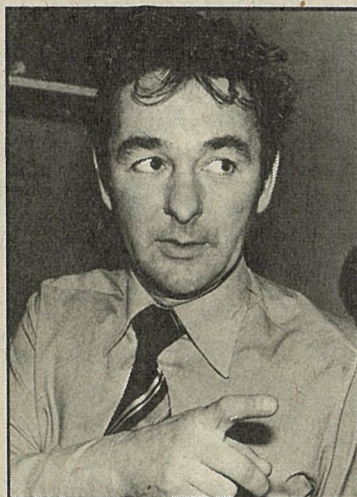
"When will I be fit? The surgeon said October; Brian Clough said Christmas; I'd say November if all goes well. The challenge is there for me and I'll give 100 per cent as always."

Francis will soon be watching Forest defend the European Cup and England begin their 1982 World Cup campaign.

"I think the Euro hat-trick is on for us, although Liverpool will naturally be a big threat. I don't believe this European Cup can be any harder to win than last season's.

"As for England, I don't feel there is a need for many changes. West Germany were the best team in the European Championship, but we were as good as any of the

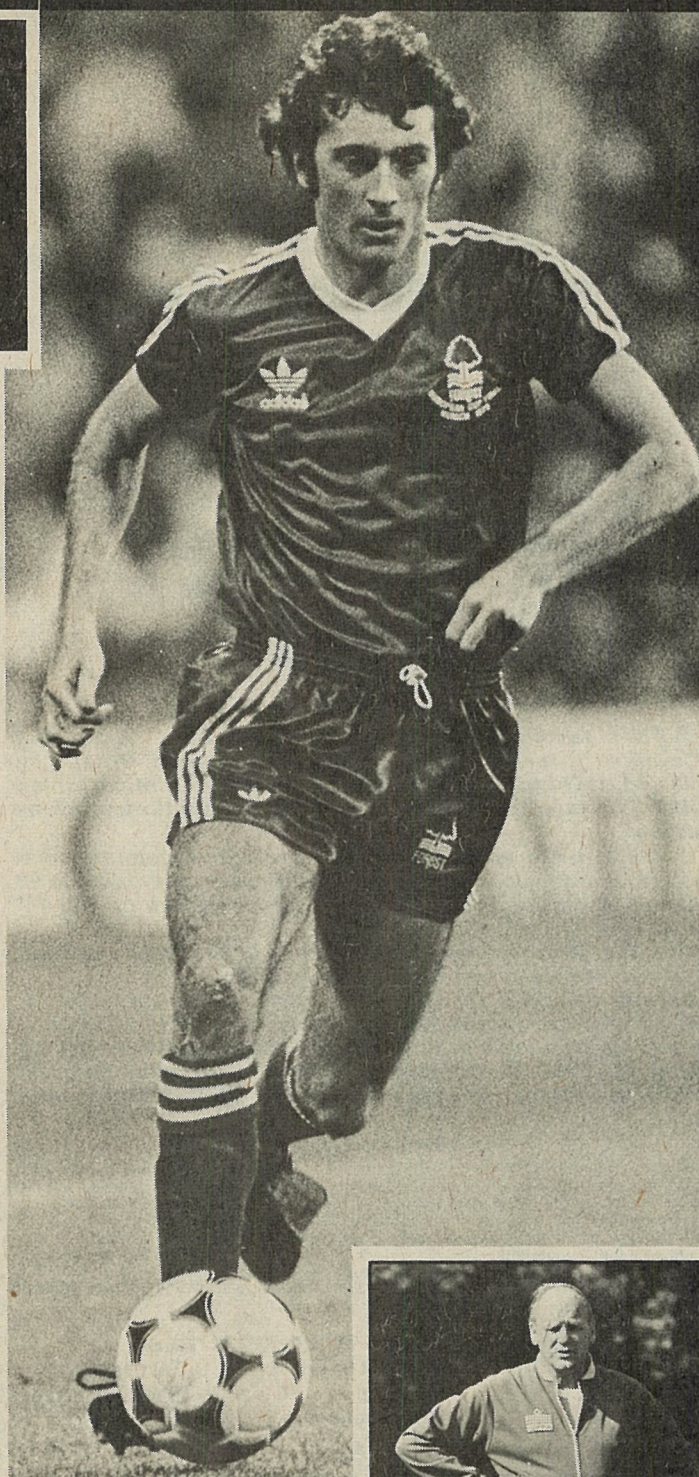
## 'I don't like being criticised by Brian Clough'



other six.

"I saw the England/Belgium tie in Barcelona, quite an experience with a Spanish commentary. I helped out with ITV for the other matches.

"It was during the Championship that one of the nicest things that's ever happened to me occurred. Ron Greenwood came on T.V. and said how much he was missing me, and how he wished I was in Italy. Not only that, but the players had a collection and bought me a beautiful ornament, which needless to say has pride of place in my house."



## 'Ron Greenwood's comments lifted my spirits'

It's an indication of not only the team-spirit in the England camp, but how highly they rate Trevor Francis, one of soccer's nicest and unluckiest players.

Perhaps events of last summer proved that England missed him more than Forest did.

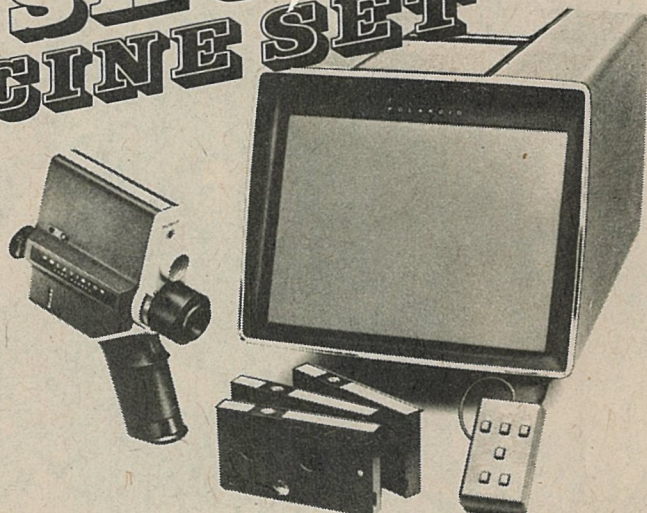
One thing's for sure, though: the First Division is a duller place without the skill, pace and goals of Francis, the £1 million superstar who's starting to walk all over again.



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# 'ARSENAL ME FOR

**M**Y cousin Paul Allen, who won an F.A. Cup winners medal with West Ham, and I have had our share of glory in the past year.

But there are two more young Allens on their way up. Names to watch out for in the future.

Martin, the 15-year-old son of my dad's youngest brother Dennis, who played for Charlton, Bournemouth and Reading, has signed schoolboy forms for Q.P.R. and looks a great prospect.

So does my youngest brother Brad. Like me he's a striker and scored over 50 goals for his club last season. You'll have to wait a bit longer to hear more about Brad, though, he's only eight!

When I told him SHOOT Editor Peter Stewart wanted me to join the magazine's team of star-writers he thought that bigger news than my £1.2 million transfer.

I still can't really believe so much has happened to me in such a short space of time. Just over a year ago I'd only played four League games for Q.P.R. Now I'm kicking-off what promises to be a successful career with one of Britain's most exciting clubs.

Before talking about my new life at Highbury I'd better introduce myself to you readers. After all you can't all be Clive Allen fans.

I was born in Stepney, East London on May 20th, 1961, but have spent most of my 19 years in Hornchurch, Essex.

I'm not married, or engaged, but have a terrific girlfriend Lisa who I'm very close to. I drive a Capri S and enjoy playing all sports.

## Distinguished

As you know, I come from a footballing family, headed by my dad Les, who had a distinguished career with Spurs and Q.P.R., winning First, Second and Third Division Championship medals as well as F.A. Cup and League Cup winner's medals.

That makes my dad a bit special, but I don't want to dwell too much on the family this time, I'll leave that for a future date.

Because of dad's involvement in the game, as a player and then manager, I grew up in a total football atmosphere.

There was only one course for me to follow — in my father's boot steps. I've never thought of doing anything else.

Even our neighbours were famous players. As a lad we lived in the same road as West Ham stars Geoff Hurst, Martin Peters and Ronnie Boyce, who is a coach at



Clive Allen's first taste of glory. An England Schoolboy appearance against France at Wembley.

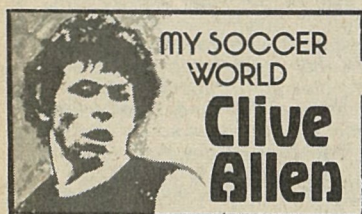


# COULD HAVE SIGNED NOTHING?

Upton Park. And Jimmy Greaves often popped round from his house in nearby Upminster.

I attended Gaynes School, Upminster, as a youngster, played for their teams and graduated to Havering, London and Essex Boys before going to gain England Schoolboy and Youth honours.

Dad stressed from an early age how important it was for me to



concentrate on my school studies as well as football. I took his advice and went on to gain six GCE 'O' levels apart from my CSE's.

All the teaching staff at Gaynes helped me, especially PE masters John Newman and Sam Field. I still see them occasionally for a game of squash and keep in touch with the school. In fact I opened their summer fete this year.

During the school holidays I used to go with dad to Q.P.R. where he was manager. The atmosphere of a big League club made me even more determined to become a professional footballer.

Dad also took me along to watch another of his old clubs, Spurs. Perhaps I shouldn't say this as a player with a rival club but I became an ardent fan and still have a soft spot for them.

One of my dad's closest friends is former Tottenham manager Bill

Nicholson.

But I didn't go to Spurs as a youngster, or Arsenal although they did invite me along for training. I had other commitments at the time and didn't bother to go. Ironically Arsenal later paid a fortune to sign me.

Other clubs came in for me when I was at school, but I narrowed the choice down to two — Ipswich and Q.P.R.

I finally plumped for Rangers because I was impressed with their then manager Dave Sexton and could still live at home. That was important to a 15-year-old.

Despite his Q.P.R. associations, dad didn't influence my decision at all. He left that to me.

I joined Rangers as an associate schoolboy before signing apprentice professional forms.

Dave Sexton had watched me quite a few times in youth matches, but didn't really say anything to me. I must admit to feeling a little concerned about the future when one day during the summer of 1977 a letter arrived from Dave Sexton offering me terms.

When I signed there were naturally no thoughts of £1 million transfers. I never saw myself as a headline maker. All I concentrated on was establishing myself in the youth team.

Although you've got to have complete confidence in your own ability to succeed, I believe it's equally important to keep your feet firmly on the ground and not attempt too big a step too soon.

I set my standards and targets one stage at a time. At Rangers it was the youth team and then reserves before even dreaming of making



*Young Brad Allen could become yet another member of the famous footballing family to make the big-time.*

the first team.

I certainly don't regard myself as someone special. All I'm concerned with is getting into the team. Nobody is guaranteed a first team place, even £1 million men.

Apart from Dave Sexton at Rangers, John Hollins and reserve team coach Frank Sibley, who played in the same League Cup Final side as dad, helped to sharpen my striking skills.

## Progress

They were a friendly club and I couldn't fail to make progress, even when Dave Sexton left.

Steve Burtenshaw was responsible for my full League debut which came on 28th April, 1979 in a home match against Coventry City.

The whole family were at Loftus Road that afternoon to cheer me on . . . and witness a memorable hat-trick. I couldn't have wished for a better start to my career.

Then with one game of the season left Tommy Docherty took over as manager.

I was happy under The Doc, one of the game's great motivators and went on to score the 30 goals that helped to establish me.

Last season I kept reading and hearing reports that this and that club, including Nottingham Forest, had made inquiries for me. But was only told about two . . . Spurs and Crystal Palace.

Tommy Docherty informed me of Arsenal's interest on the phone at my home on June 10th.

He said: 'Terry Neill is in my office and we've agreed a fee. Would you be interested in talking to him?'

Naturally I said I was and went to Highbury the following day with dad.

After a chat with dad and a quiet meal with Lisa I decided players don't often get the opportunity of joining such a famous club where it's all about to happen.

I signed on June 12th and didn't give a thought to the size of the fee. I can't even imagine what a million pounds looks like.

Since then, a million other things have happened to me as a £1 million player.

I don't feel under any more pressure than the other lads. We are all expected to do well this season.

My only worry is scoring as many goals for my new club as I did at Rangers. If I get those goals and we win a trophy or two I'll consider the fee was justified.

Joining such a great club certainly won't affect me as a person. It's the biggest challenge of my life. There's no way I'm going to ruin this golden opportunity by allowing any superstar nonsense to go to my head.

There couldn't have been a tougher start to my new career, or so I thought until I realised that every game in the First Division represents a tough challenge.

Next time I'll tell you about my new team-mates, those I have left behind, Crystal Palace's amazing offer and, of course, the one and only Tommy Docherty.

Until then my best wishes to you all.



*Les Allen (front row, second right) with the other members of Tottenham's 1961 double-winning team.*



# YOU ASKED, PLAYERS ANSWER

SHOOT invited readers to send in questions to their favourite players. Here are the answers to some of your letters. United Kingdom readers whose letters are published will receive £2. Overseas readers, our special SHOOT T-shirt.

## PROBLEMS AT CITY

**PETER BARNES**  
(West Bromwich Albion)

What were your reasons for leaving Manchester City?

David Brown, Belfast

● I enjoyed my time at Maine Road, but could not see eye to eye with Malcolm Allison over a couple of issues and had to get away. I was not the only player to disagree with him, and I don't think I will be the last. The basic problem was that we both had our own views on my role within the team and I couldn't play the way he wanted me to. He told me that I wasn't scoring enough goals, but if you compare my record with any other winger in the country I think you will see I score more than my fair share, as I proved at Albion last season.



## BEST GOAL

**MICKEY THOMAS**  
(Manchester United)

I am a Manchester United supporter, and you are my favourite player. I would like to ask which you consider to be the best goal you have ever scored?

Alison Rankin, Colchester

● It came for United against our old rivals Leeds a couple of seasons ago, Alison. Jimmy Nicholl crossed from the right, a Leeds defender headed it clear and as I was running through from midfield the ball fell right in front of me. I had no option but to hit it first time, and the shot just rocketed past David Harvey into the top corner from about 30 yards out. I thought it was going to break the net!



## MIDFIELD SWITCH

**DUNCAN MCKENZIE**  
(Blackburn Rovers)

Were you surprised when Rovers boss Howard Kendall asked you to play in midfield last season, and did you enjoy your new role in the team?

Jimmy Christie, Warrington

● Actually, Jimmy, I had always

fancied playing in the middle of the park and was only too delighted to drop back from the forward line to help the club out last season. The move came after I had played a couple of off games in attack, and I really enjoyed the extra freedom and involvement. Playing up front places great physical demands on a player, and at my age I think I'll let some of the other lads take the kicks! But seriously, I feel I am now making a greater contribution to the team effort, but at the same time I am getting the goals.

## NON-LEAGUE CHANGES

**KIRK STEPHENS**  
(Luton Town)

What are the major differences between non-League Football and playing as a full-time professional with Luton?

Clive Murray, Aylesbury

● Obviously my move from Nuneaton Borough to Luton has completely changed my life. I am now training and playing with a much higher standard of player, and I believe my game has improved considerably. Off the field I am finding much more time to relax. When I was a semi-professional I was working twelve hours a day. Now we just train for a few hours and I have as much time as I like to help the family contractor's business. When I first signed for Luton I didn't know what to do with all my spare time, but now I find the business a worthwhile diversion to help me get away from the pressures.

## GOOD SUPPORT

**ALAN BILEY**  
(Derby)

Everybody is always claiming that there is a lack of support at Cambridge. What did you think about the atmosphere at the Abbey Stadium in your time with the club, and did it have anything to do with you leaving for Derby?

Martin Wilson, Ely

● I thought the fans at Cambridge were tremendous, Martin. The only problem was the size of the ground which, as you know, can only hold 12,000. That meant that there was only a hard-core of about 6,000 supporters, while at Derby it is more like 18,000. But it was not the support which made me leave Cambridge. They were a smashing little club, but I wanted to play in the First Division, and Derby were the first club to come in for me.

## SKILFUL FIRST DIVISION

**JOE GALLAGHER**  
(Birmingham City)

What are the main differences between playing in the First and Second Division?

Timo Harjula, Finland

● There is much greater emphasis on skill in the First Division, and although playing in the Second Division was an interesting experience there is nothing to compare with playing in the top 22. The players in the Second Division tend to rely a lot more on speed and the big boot out of defence, while in the First there is a lot more thoughtful football played. Nevertheless, there are some very useful players in the Second Division now, and I think the standard is closing all the time.

## WHY 'SHIRLEY'?

**ROY AITKEN**  
(Celtic)

I am a Celtic fan and I know just about everything about the team, but one thing puzzles me, Roy. Why is your nickname Shirley?

Tony Williams, Edinburgh.

● We've got a great bunch of jokers in the Parkhead dressing room, Tony, and my team-mates reckon my curly hair reminds them of Shirley Temple, the former Hollywood child actress. I don't think I play like her, though!



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**THIS** month marks the 75th Anniversary of the first ever Irish League game to be played at Belfast's Windsor Park, residence of trophy-littered Linfield and Northern Ireland's long-time British Championship venue.

Linfield celebrated the birth of their new stadium with a memorable 1-0 win over old rivals Glentoran, on September 2, 1905. Incidentally, the gate receipts for that original Windsor League fixture amounted to the grand Edwardian sum of £113, a far cry from the money-spinning, big-match incomes of the inflationary 1980's.

BIRMINGHAM City striker Steve Lynex recently returned to Dublin for the wedding of his former Shamrock Rovers colleague Larry Murray. Both players have done well since they left the Hoops, Lynex winning promotion with Birmingham and Murray an FAI Cup medal with Waterford.

# BOB PAISLEY'S SECRET

**S**IMPLICITY. That's what makes Liverpool tick. So said Linfield manager Roy Coyle after he had studied The Reds' coaching and training methods, on a pre-season visit to Anfield.

"Liverpool is a stimulating soccer school where the game is played simply and without complications," commented the Windsor Park boss.

"Their straightforward approach and sheer professionalism makes football look easy. I consider looking-in on the Anfield set-up an important part of my managerial education."

Coyle now aims to transmit that Liverpool "message" to his double-winning Bluemen.

**A CRUEL** twist for Aldershot's flying winger Alex McGregor, the crowd favourite down at the Recreation Ground. He now finds himself on the transfer list despite the fact that the club refused a £40,000 Fulham offer for his services last season.

Scotsman McGregor, one of the most exciting wingers in the lower Divisions, is one of four front men released in a mini clear out by manager Tommy McAnearney.

"I can't help thinking how Aldershot turned down a great chance for me to go to Fulham yet now say I can go," reflects McGregor, who should interest attack-minded managers.

## Ramage's title hope

**W**HEN Derby County moved in with a £150,000 bid, Middlesbrough centre-half Alan Ramage did not hesitate over a move to the Baseball Ground. The 6ft 3in defender was tired of his understudy's role at Ayresome Park and welcomed first-team football.

Ramage, who could benefit alongside Roy McFarland, said: "I was frustrated at being in the shadows. Derby could be in the thick of a Second Division promotion battle."

The late July move ruled out a Gillette Cup Semi-Final appearance for an all-round sportsman rated Yorkshire's fastest bowler by supremo Ray Illingworth.

## England's mistake

**ENGLAND'S** use of Phil Thompson, the Liverpool defender, as a genuine sweeper during the European Championships gave the player much pleasure. "It was great: I really enjoyed it," he said.

But according to Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw, who was in Italy to see all the England games and the Final, it may have been a mistake.

"I thought England might have done better at the back if they had played more like Liverpool, very tight. It is a more natural game for them."

CAMBRIDGE United boss John Docherty has split his faith between two captains for the progressive Second Division club.

He has appointed centre-half Stevie Fallon, a defensive giant, as the club captain, and midfield dynamo Steve Spriggs, one of the smallest players in the league, as team captain.

Explains Docherty: "Each job requires quite different qualities. I see no problems of overlapping or anything."

## Big Mal woos the Press



**N**OT much doubt which is going to be the most popular First Division club with the Press this season.

Answer: Manchester City, who have decided to throw open their dressing room doors after every home game.

The norm is for reporters to grab managers and players in corridors or car parks for their after-match quotes, but Malcolm Allison thinks the time has come for Press interviews in the dressing rooms as they do in the United States.

"I have always felt there is too much mistrust between the clubs and the media. When we were in America they allowed the Press into the dressing room and I watched their methods with a great deal of interest.

"Some managers will frown at the idea, and some will be at loggerheads with the Press, but I can't understand their attitude." Hear, hear.

● **MALCOLM** Allison has always been regarded as one of football's nattiest dressers. On this occasion, at a Manchester City training camp at Bisham Abbey, Marlow, Bucks, his standards had fallen somewhat.

## Another 'Baxter'

**IAN** Wilson, one of the latest Scots to display his talents at newly-promoted Leicester, is being hailed as another Jim Baxter.

Former Scottish international midfielder Baxter paraded his outstanding soccer talents for Glasgow Rangers, Sunderland and Nottingham Forest and was one of the great stars of the 60's.

Wilson, is a 22-year-old Aberdonian who has played for his local club and also Dundee and Elgin City.



## Osborne's dilemma

**LOYAL** Ipswich Town player Roger Osborne, the man who struck the F.A. Cup-winning goal in 1978 against Arsenal, could be on the move to regular first team football if he stays on the sidelines at Portman Road.

Jolly Roger, a popular figure with the Suffolk fans, has been approached by Sheffield United, but so far has not decided to make a move. "It is very difficult to get a game nowadays with Ipswich having such a strong first team squad," said Roger, whose right-half spot has been taken over by the Flying Dutchman Frans Thijssen. "I have not decided exactly what I'll do."

## Behave—or else

**M**ANCHESTER United supporters club have come up with a novel idea to persuade fans to stay out of trouble during the trip to Poland for the UEFA Cup tie against Widzew Lodz.

Supporters travelling to Poland will be asked to pay a special "good behaviour" deposit of £50 in advance . . . and the money will only be refunded if they stay out of trouble.

The scheme is the brainchild of United supporters club chairman David Smith. "We're conscious of the recent UEFA warning that they won't hesitate to throw English clubs out of Europe, if their fans cause trouble . . . and we think this special deposit idea will help to ensure we get the right kind of true fans making the trip to Poland," said David.

But how can United keep a check on which fans behave, and which supporters cause trouble?

"We'll be working on a basis of one steward for every ten fans," says Smith, "and we'll also be getting the supporters passports in advance so we have a detailed record and photograph of all the fans making the trip.

"Of course a lot of people will say why take the risk of taking any fans to Poland at all? . . . but believe that if the trip is properly organised we're a lot safer than running the risk of fans making their own arrangements, because then we'd have no check on them at all . . . and UEFA would be right to point the finger at us if there was any trouble."

**BRISTOL** City manager, Alan Dicks, drives a luxurious Vauxhall Royale Coupe, 3 litre. City's secretary, John Lillington, drives a Vauxhall Carlton, 2.0 litre. City's commercial manager, Jim Evans, drives a Vauxhall Carlton 2.00 litre. The chief coach, Ken Wimshurst, drives a Vauxhall Cavalier, 1.6 GL.



# Ian Botham returns

ENGLAND cricket captain Ian Botham will be back in footballing action within weeks of the end of the cricket season. Botham plans to play for Scunthorpe United for the first half of the season, until his cricket duties take him to the West Indies for the MCC tour of the Caribbean, starting in January.

Botham, sportsman supreme, refers to Scunthorpe and his links with the north, in a book just published about him. 'Ian Botham, the Great All-Rounder' is written by Sunday Times journalist Dudley Dought and is a superb, revealing account of what makes this great competitor really tick. The book is published by Cassell at £6.95, and is compulsive reading.

The great determination within Botham to be involved in sport as much as possible, is underlined by his decision to play for Scunthorpe this season.

A club spokesman said: "We are glad to have him back for he's a useful player and a great team man."

EVERTON full-back Ray Deakin is on the comeback trail.

The 21-year-old was forced out of the game with a bad knee injury 18 months ago. He joined the Goodison Park backroom staff coaching the youth team.

But he has continued to work hard at getting back into football. After a handful of reserve team games Deakin has been told by doctors that he can resume his playing career.

Deakin has quit his coaching post, and is more determined than ever to do well.

Watch out John Bailey!

VETERAN striker Bob Hatton's £85,000 move to Sheffield United has opened the door to a clutch of hopeful young goalsnatchers at Luton.

Top choice to line up in Hatton's old shirt at Kenilworth Road is former Bristol Rovers centre forward Steve White, who moved to Luton for £185,000 last season. After six months kicking his heels he will be dying to make the place his own.

But manager David Pleat is keeping plans to himself. "We have plenty of competition for places," he said, and pointed to young reserves Godfrey Ingram, Frank Bunn and big Herbie Smith as other possibilities for the Hatters strike force assault on promotion.



## HIYA, BROTHER!

One of the biggest surprise meetings in the First Division this season could well be that of 21-year-old Nigel Hart and 27-year-old brother Paul (above).

The two sons of John Hart, former Manchester City player and manager, are having an 'L' of a time. Paul has been with Leeds since March, 1978, when he cost them £330,000 from Blackpool, while Nigel, given a free transfer by Fourth Division Wigan last October, has been given his big chance by newly-promoted Leicester.

Both boys play at centre-half but while Paul's entry into the big time via Stockport and Blackpool was expected as he gave a string of outstanding displays, Nigel's could not have come as a bigger surprise.

He explains: "After being given a free transfer by Wigan Athletic, I guested for Tulsa Roughnecks in three games at Leicester, Shrewsbury and Derby."

"Leicester became interested on the Monday, watched the game at Derby on the Wednesday and then asked me to go and watch the Leicester-Sunderland match on the Saturday."

"I liked what I saw and signed after that game."

Now he's hoping to meet up with his big brother.

## MATCH OF THE DAY

THE Fourth Division match between Halifax Town and Hereford United at the Shay on October 25, may not excite the imagination, but it could provide an interesting little meeting.

For amid all the glamour surrounding the moves of foreign stars like Raimondo Ponte to Nottingham Forest and Alex Sabella to Leeds, two more internationals have slipped almost unnoticed into our Fourth Division.

Hence the ring around October 25, when Poland's Adam Musial could come face to face with Iceland's Arni Sveinsson, in the most unlikely setting of Yorkshire's most unlovely stadium.

Musial was a key figure in Poland's 1974 World Cup squad, and played in both those memorable matches which saw the Poles take three points from England in the same qualifying group and effectively kill off our prospects of going to West Germany.

Sveinsson has won over 20 caps for Iceland, and talking of Ponte, played against Forest's new midfield man twice in the recently finished European Championships when Switzerland met Iceland.



## GOODBYE BUCKET AND SPONGE

OXFORD City have purchased a new "Trainer" injury treatment unit. This product, developed with the England rugby team and used at the Winter Olympic Games, packs a wide range of treatments-by-electrodes into a lightweight briefcase.

On one late-season Saturday, a player's badly twisted ankle was treated in the bus, simply by placing one electrode each side of the ankle, setting the controls and switching on. After a second treatment on Sunday, the badly swollen ankle was dramatically improved, and the player was back in competition on Monday evening with no ill effects.

The Trainer is available from Sport Systems Ltd, 5 High Street, Windsor, Berkshire. Including carrying case, electrodes, charging lead and instructions in costs £196.00

## Briefly...

● Former Luton Town, Swansea and Cardiff City goalkeeper Keith Barber has found himself the perfect life. He runs a cheerful public house in Harpenden, Herts, and manages the local South Midlands League side when he is not busy behind the bar.

● Gary Cutler is one of the latest lads to follow in father's footsteps. Gary, a 17-year-old full-back who signed professional for Wolves this year, is the son of former winger Reg Cutler. And Reg will always be remembered by the older fraternity as a lively outside left who gave valuable service to West Bromwich, Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Stockport.

● Esso Petroleum are to continue their lucrative sponsorship of the Northern Ireland County Youth Championship, won in the past two seasons by the Belfast "B" team.

● Northern Ireland kingpins Linfield made one of their most promising "signings" in recent years

when they captured former Everton scout Jim Emery, one of the Emerald Isle's top talent-spotters, as their chief scout. His predecessor in the post, Gerry Burrell, has been appointed Youth Development Officer at Windsor Park.

● Southampton pivot Chris Nicholl's current 30-cap total makes him only the third Northern Ireland central defender to gain 30 or more full international honours. The others are Terry Neill (59) and Allan Hunter (53).

● Anyone interested in joining the London Branch of the Sheffield United Supporters' Club should contact Mr Robert Allan, 25 Santos Road, London SW18 1NT.

● Have Ipswich found a natural successor to former favourite Clive Woods? They finished a Willshire Cup game on the wrong end of a 1-0 scoreline at Cambridge with two wingers — Steve McCall and Kevin O'Callaghan one on each flank!

● ITV commentator Brian Moore recently gave up the chance of a well-earned rest to watch his favourite club Gillingham in a friendly at Dagenham.

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## Hat-trick sub

HARTLEPOOL forward Bob Newton has made a big impact in his first season in the States. Newton helped the New England Tea Men hit a nine-match winning run.

The 23-year-old Newton had a "super sub" role in one match. He scored a hat-trick!

Newton, who attracted higher-Division clubs last season, has played alongside Tony Brown (West Brom) for the New England Tea Men. "I feel my game has improved," says Newton.

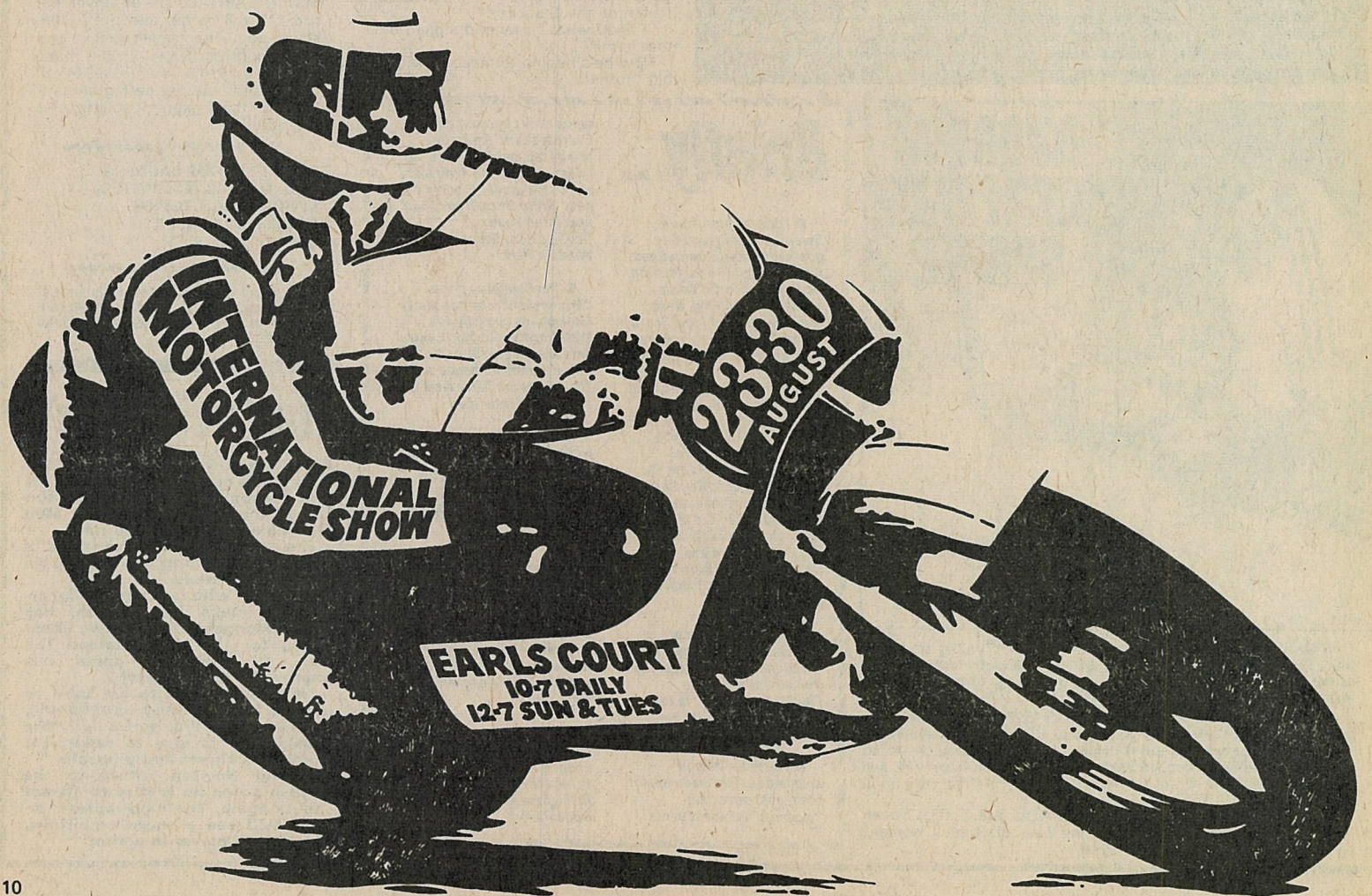
"It took a while to get used to astroturf, and to break into the side, but I love the life, particularly the sunshine. It is nice to report for training in shorts and plimsolls."

Should Newton return to the English scene he is sure to attract scouts again. The club representatives will see a more ambitious, determined player in action.



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**ROBSON:** This is the big one as far as Black Country folk are concerned. It's very special to supporters of both sides — so that gives the players an extra determination to do well.

**RICHARDS:** That's right, Bryan. Despite the presence of Villa and Birmingham this is reckoned to be our real local derby. The rival fans won't even consider defeat and we are going into the game determined not to let you put one over us, especially so early in the season.

**ROBSON:** We aim to improve on last season's performances, when we drew both games against you. And I don't think either match was particularly entertaining.

We were poor at your place and had to defend for long spells. I must confess I was disappointed with Wolves when they came to The Hawthorns. In view of the fine away record you had last season I would have expected you to come out and attack us — yet you seemed happy to sit back.

**RICHARDS:** There is an old saying that you can only play as well as the opposition allow you to. On that occasion I seem to remember you set out to stifle us, determined not to concede a goal and there was not much we could do about it.

**ROBSON:** Any team that did not make plans to keep a close watch on yourself and your strike partner Andy Gray must be mad. You are a lethal pair who can cause big trou-

# The Black Country derby

ble for anybody. I've got the highest respect for both of you.

**RICHARDS:** There's no answer to that, is there. It's nice of you to say so and I'm flattered.

**ROBSON:** Don't mention it, John. I'm sure our central defenders, John Wile and Ally Robertson would back me up on that and I know they expect to be working overtime on Saturday to combat the threat of Andy and yourself.

I recall they coped pretty well last season. We find Wolves tend to load everything into the box for you and Andy to fight for — and

our two lads handled the high balls capably.

**RICHARDS:** Correct, Bryan. We are anticipating an interesting battle against two very good players. I have always rated Wile and Robertson, who have been the backbone of the Albion side for years. In fact I think they did more than anyone else to earn you a place in the UEFA Cup two years ago.

But they will have more than Andy and myself to worry about. We have players right through the side capable of scoring goals and one of the reasons we did so well last season was because we surprised opposing sides by the number of men we got into the box at lightning speed.

**ROBSON:** It's hard to argue with that. But while your attacking

qualities are well known you are not regarded as the best of sides when it comes to defending and we are confident that if we hit form on the day we can cause you problems at the back.

**RICHARDS:** A few people have made that claim and you may be as surprised as they were to learn that we kept over a dozen clean sheets last season.

The arrival of new skipper Emlyn Hughes clearly had something to do with that. It's an impressive record by any standard — and it can only get better in my opinion.

**ROBSON:** That is an interesting point. But I still feel we have enough about us now to find a way through and I'm confident we will win the game.

**RICHARDS:** I would have been surprised, and disappointed, if you had said anything else. It's difficult to assess true form so early in the season, but it won't shock you when I say I take us to edge through in a very close game.

**ROBSON:** It will be close all right, there's not much doubt about that. I just hope it offers the fans greater entertainment than they got from the games last season.

**RICHARDS:** Me too, Bryan. I must admit I'm looking forward to it tremendously, for games against Albion are always good ones to play in. They are played in typical derby spirit — hard but not nasty. I can't remember any real aggro between the sides in the ten years or so that I've been playing against Albion — so that speaks for itself.

I hope things go really well for you this season — AFTER Saturday, of course.

**ROBSON:** Cheers, John. All I can say to that is 'the same to you, mate'.

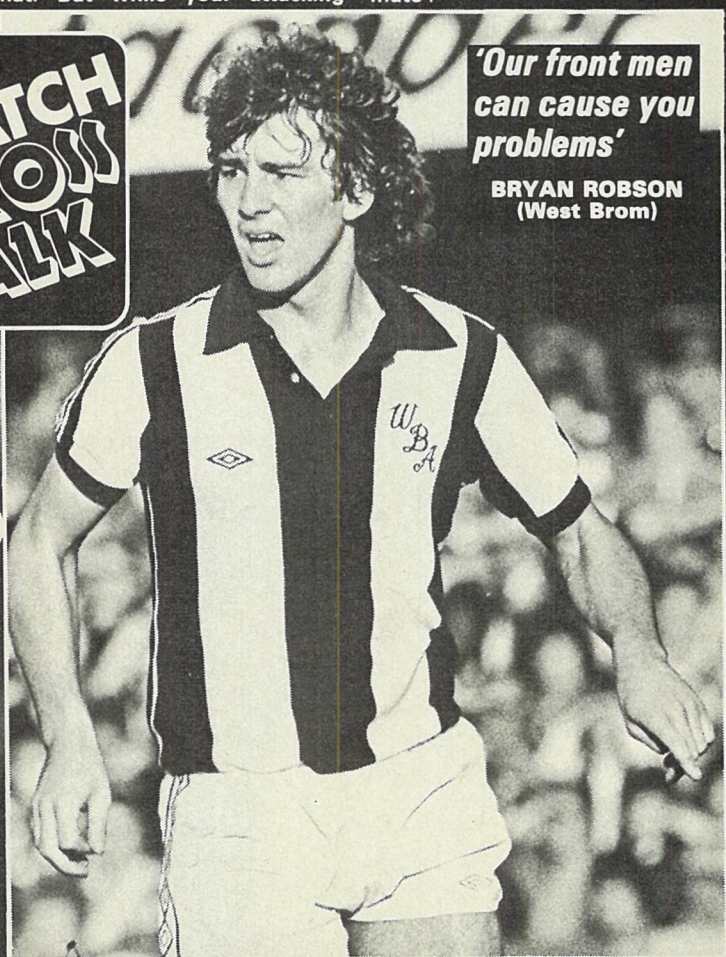
**'Don't underestimate our defence'**

**JOHN RICHARDS**  
(Wolves)

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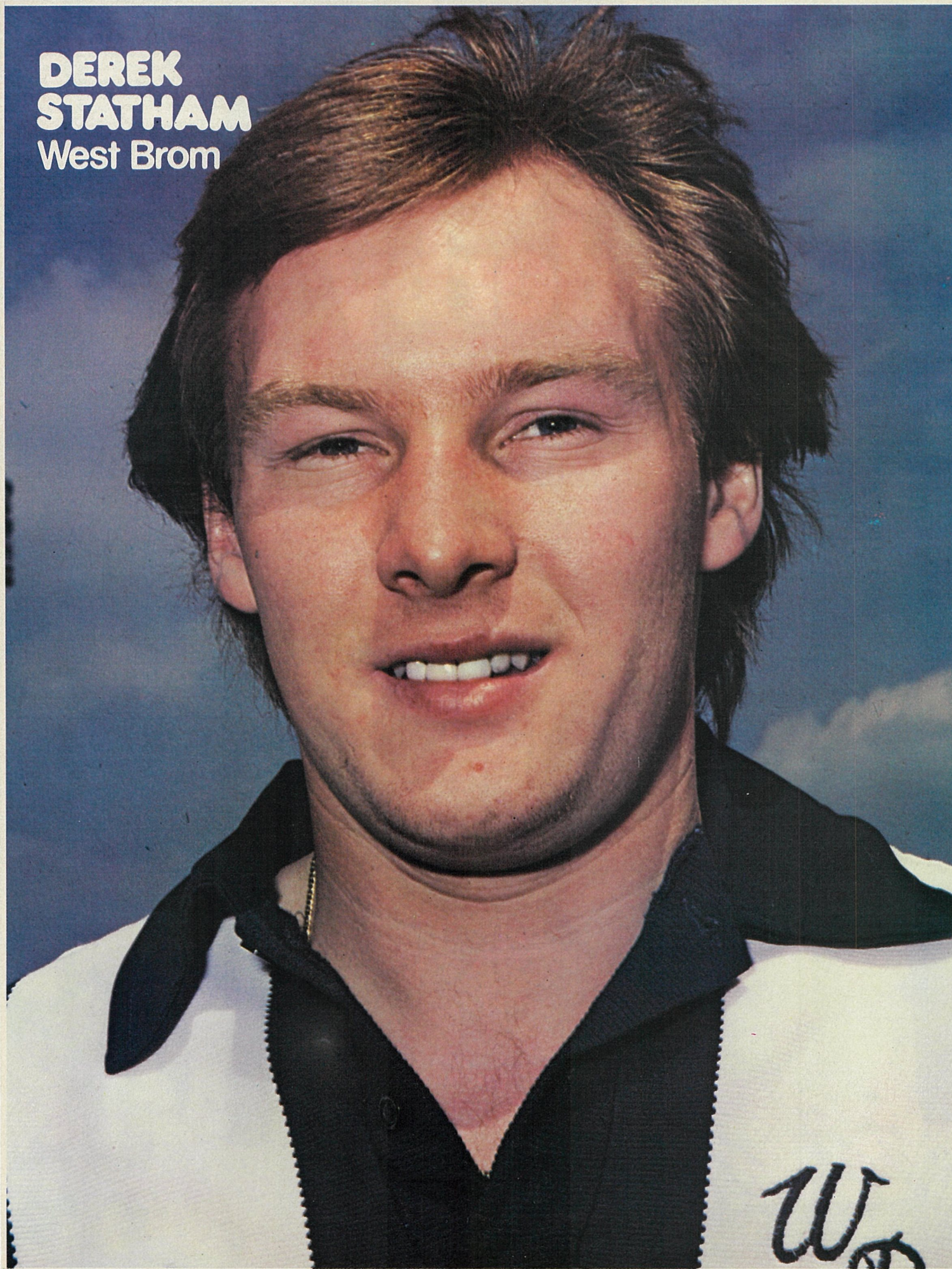
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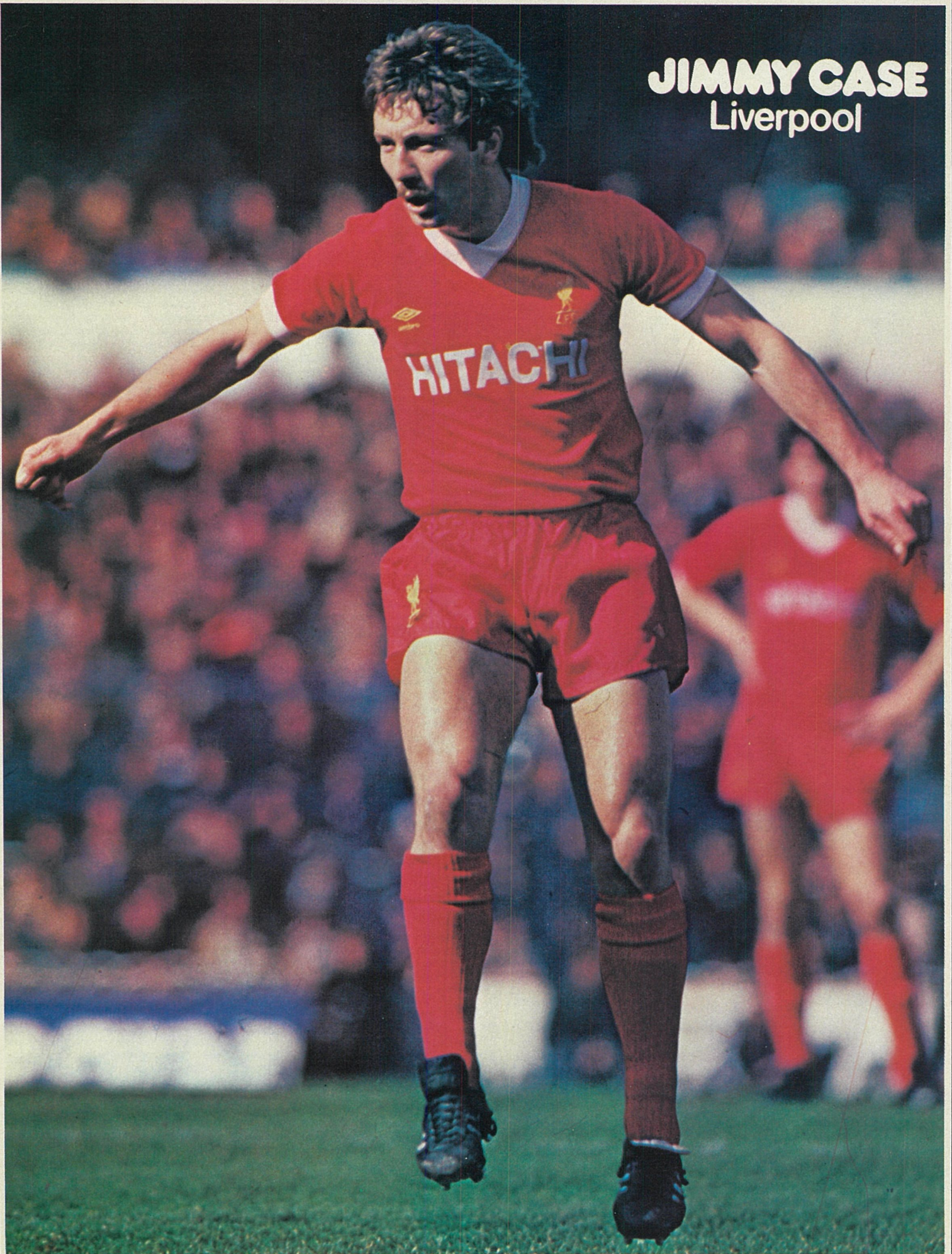
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# 'I'm no £1million flop'

declares STEVE DALEY

**W**ORDS like misfit, flop and failure had never figured in Steve Daley's life until 1980.

It was roses all the way for the Yorkshire lad who made the grade with Wolves and achieved the dream of every footballer when he was transferred to Manchester City for close on £1½ million.

But that dream turned into a nightmare as the dreadful form

ers, and after talks with Malcolm Allison and Tony Book about the future, I'm only too happy to stay with City and show the fans I'm a much better player than they saw last season.

"The way I look at it I still owe a debt to them and the club — as

well as to myself."

Daley got stuck into his task of proving that he's not a £1 million dud, by going into training on his own account long before the other players reported back to Maine Road, and he's half a stone lighter than he was last April.

"I've been on four and five miles training runs during the summer and I can feel my edge coming back. I'm taking a positive attitude to everything, unlike my defensive

that afflicted City, for the most part of the season, badly affected Daley.

"It got to the stage where I didn't want to put a Manchester City shirt on, and I was almost convinced I had made a wrong move — disastrous in fact.

"On the field I didn't seem able to do anything right, and when that happens you normally become tentative, unwilling to try anything different — and that is the hallmark of a midfield player's game. I over-compensated by trying something special all the time but the vital element of surprise went out of my game, and towards the end of the season I was just going through the motions, praying that I wouldn't make any costly mistakes.

## 'Survive'

"Imagine it if the £1½ million man was the one who gave away the goal that sent us down to the Second Division. It could have happened, although I think we all knew we would survive in the First Division.

"Anyway we survived — and now all that happened last season is in the past, and I can tell you I'm raring to go again and prove to City, and to everyone that I am not a flop," says Daley.

"I'm convinced there will be no more disappointments. It's true I've been a let down so far, but I promise you I won't be in the future.

"Maybe I tried too hard to please last season, maybe I was affected more by the transfer tag than I thought, but whatever the reason I know I can put all that behind me.

"I was sick a few weeks ago when I read that City were ready to sell me for about half that they paid. That hurt, but you learn not to believe all you read in the pap-

frame of mind when things weren't going well, and in pre-season matches I've been delighted with the form of the team as well as myself."

Amid all the adversity he suffered after his move, Daley still had time to praise the footballer's usual critic — the fans.

"City's supporters were terrific. Here was a man who had cost their club a lot of money, playing rubbish in front of them, running into brick walls on the field, being called a misfit, and yet not once did they give me a hard time.

"Despite our appalling results they always stuck by the team and I believe we were the third best supported team in the country, which says a lot when we finished just outside the relegation zone."

Daley, who obviously still has ambitions to play for his country, genuinely believes that City are destined to make a much better showing this season.

"We have one of the top three 'keepers in the country in Joe Corrigan, we have some superb young defenders like Tommy Caton and Ray Ranson, promising lads like Steve Mackenzie, Nicky Reid and Paul Sugrue, and England strikers, both proven goalscorers in Dennis Tueart and Kevin Reeves.

With the more experienced players like Kaziu Deyna and Tommy Booth, as well as myself, we should certainly be nearer the top than the bottom this time and if we can get a good start it will help.

"Last season we always seemed to be fighting an uphill battle, and let's face it the team hadn't much time to knit together.

"I hope it's different this time — in every possible way.



**JIMMY** Johnstone, the former Scotland and Celtic wing wizard, and Joe Baker, who once spearheaded the England and Arsenal forward lines, are making a comeback.

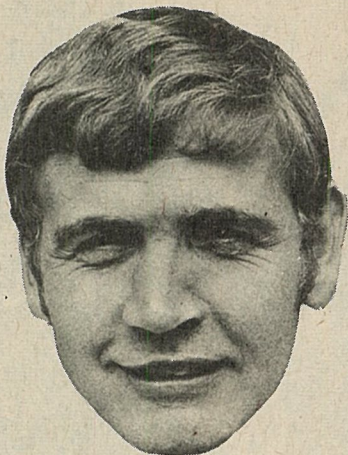
They have agreed to play for clubs in the Scottish Junior League this season.

Their return is part of an ambitious plan by two junior clubs to boost gates and revive memories of two of the greatest names to come out of Scotland since the last War.

It would appear, however, that while Premier, First, and Second Division outfits on the kilted side of Hadrian's Wall are seemingly shuffling towards the bread-line, Scottish junior teams are riding the gravy-train.

It has been reported that crack junior clubs can come up with as much as £5,000 for a star whose greatness belongs to yesterday, and tempting incentives of £2,000 and £3,000 have also been offered to lure former greats off the shelf.

In the Scottish Junior League



Joe Baker.

this season, Blantyre Celtic are parading Jimmy "Jinky" Johnstone and Paul Wilson who played with such distinction for Glasgow's more renowned Celtic, and if nobody shouted from the house-tops how much the one-time Park-

# Jinky and Joe are back

Former Scotland winger  
Jimmy Johnstone.



head favourites pocketed for stepping into an area they had long forgotten, it couldn't have been far short of the top figure quoted above.

Johnstone, a Parkhead legend, and one of the immortal Celts who returned from Lisbon in 1967 with the European Cup after beating Inter-Milan 2-1, played 23 times for Scotland, and was arguably the best and trickiest outside-right in Celtic's history.

Rutherglen Glencairn, have also dug deeply into their money-box for the, hopefully, still nimble footwork of former Rangers star, Johnny Hamilton, but even they have to concede headlines to Fauldhouse United who coaxed Joe Baker out of an eight-year retirement to fill the role of player-coach.

Joe, whose soccer pedigree embraces clubs like Hibs, Torino, Arsenal, Nottingham Forest, and, of course, eight full caps for England, said that he missed being actively involved in the game.

Although his main function would be that of coach, Baker can't wait to show the junior circuit that despite the eight years dust on his shooting boots, he can still leave a 'keeper or two well and truly stranded.

It's all rather sad however, to reflect that on the same day that Scotland's football idols ran out to face a new season, old-timers Jimmy Johnstone, Paul Wilson, Johnny Hamilton, and Joe Baker were, for a price, seeking to turn the clock back, as "Scottish juniors," to a time when they too were listed among the game's headliners.



## YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

**1** At a throw-in near the corner flag the ball goes directly out of play over the goal-line, without being touched. Should you: (a) award a goal-kick, (b) have the throw-in retaken or (c) award an indirect free-kick against the thrower?

**2** An attacker about to head the ball is nudged in the back inside the penalty-area. Should you award: (a) a penalty, (b) indirect free-kick or (c) drop ball?

**3** A defender slips and accidentally handles the ball in his own penalty-area. Should you: (a) award a penalty or (b) wave play on?

**4** A player uses bad language at a linesman. Should you: (a) stop play and warn the player, (b) stop play and caution the player or (c) stop play and send off the player?

**5** An attacker deliberately throws the ball into your face. Should you: (a) caution him for ungentlemanly conduct or (b) send him off for violent conduct?

### ANSWERS

1. A goal-kick (a). 2. A penalty (a). 3. Wave play on (b). 4. Stop play and send off the player or wrong. 5. Send him off for violent conduct (b).  
You Clive, you are consistent, right or wrong. 3. Wave play on (b). 4. Stop play and send off the player or wrong. 5. Send him off for violent conduct (b).  
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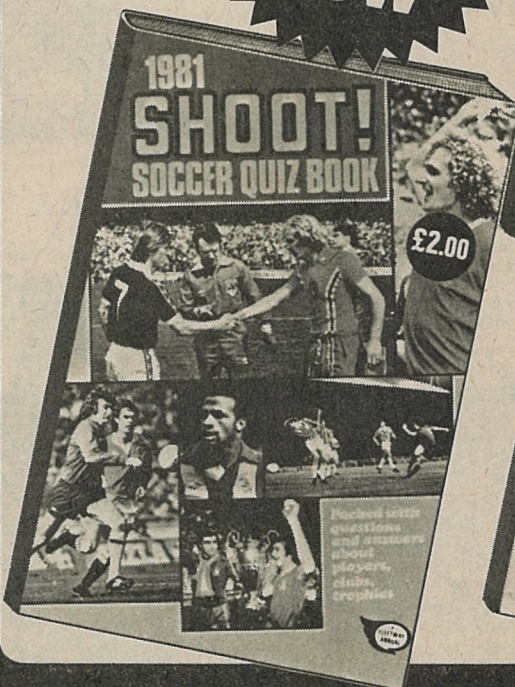
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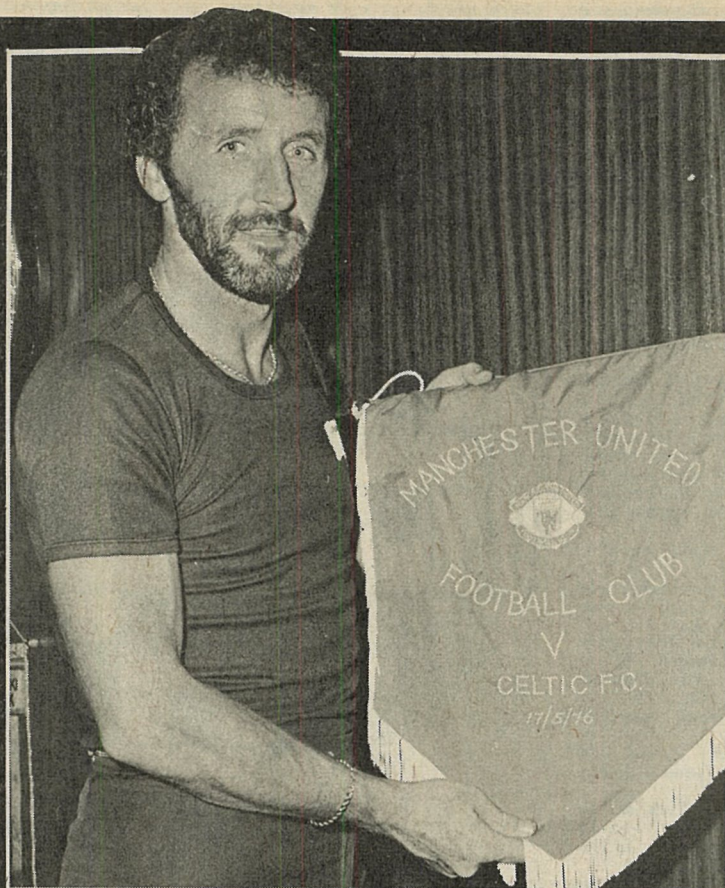
Most of Glasgow's population returned to work on August 4 after the traditional "Glasgow Fortnight". That date would remain insignificant for me most years. This year was different.

It meant that many of Celtic's loyal followers were prepared to spend a bit extra after their holidays to turn up to my special testimonial game against Manchester United.

Forty five thousand, only 22,000 less than Parkhead's capacity, poured through the turnstiles for my benefit. Their generosity grossed more than £80,000. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. The result of the game is rather meaningless but for the record United won 3-1 on penalties.

We are often accused of having eyes only for the team we support in Scotland. That impression is false when you consider the ovation Celtic's followers accorded Lou Macari at the end of the match.

Lou was always a firm favourite at Parkhead and his transfer to an



**Tartan Talk**  
DANNY  
McGRAIN



He added: "Nijmegen were delighted when your club accepted their invitation to play in the competition."

But I understand that Herr Bachmann claims that if Celts were available later in the summer he could fix the club in better competitions in almost any country of their choice.

Talking of Germans, it never fails to amaze me to hear of the kind of money that is floating about in their football.

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I understand that the goalkeeper of Werder Bremen, the side we played in a pre-season friendly, is on a guaranteed minimum of £70,000 a year... no matter what Division the club are in.

And the gentleman in question, Dieter Burdenski, is a player of a limited international career.

But then one of the reasons why they pay the players so well is the high cost of watching football there. If you think soccer in this country is too dear, thank your lucky stars that your loyalties don't lie with one of the Bundesliga sides.

Celtic supporters will pay £60 for the best season ticket at Parkhead,

# 'Celtic's tribute rivalled the Queen Mother's birthday'

English club has done nothing to reduce his popularity.

My moment of glory came when I was invited to parade the Scottish Cup around the ground.

Even the Queen Mother, who celebrated her 80th birthday that day, could not have felt happier than I. A glorious moment I shall cherish forever.

Scotland is in the habit of kicking-off the League programme a week ahead of England and most Continental countries. But it is a habit we must break.

I back the plea made by my manager, Billy McNeill, to the Scottish League to step into line with the rest of Europe and postpone the big restart to coincide with everyone else.

I can tell you that we were invited to several big tournaments in several

countries but had to decline these money-spinning invitations — including one in Spain with Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Benfica — because of the timing.

All Scottish clubs need every chance they can get to earn more money and by asking for a switch at the start of the season it is not as if I want anything different from the rest of Europe. In fact it is just the opposite.

It would mean that we could be given a great chance to meet Europe's great clubs and even forgetting the financial side of things that is something we must do if youngsters are to succeed in European competitions.

It's also the only way to get experience by playing against top clubs.

The tournament we played in at Nijmegen in Holland involved Go Ahead Eagles Deventer, Borussia Dortmund and Nijmegen, the host club.

It was organised with double headers on the Saturday and Sunday night, but attracted a crowd of only 4,000 on either evening.

An incessant downpour hardly helped, but Herr Gunther Bachmann, one of Europe's top agents for arranging tours for senior clubs and who was involved with Manchester United after we flew home was obviously disappointed with the turn-out.

He knows that Celtic is still a magical name all over Europe and that there are many people on the Continent who still want to see us play.

but the equivalent at Hamburg — even minus Kevin Keegan — is a cool £250.

Mind you sponsorship has a great part to play in it all.

It is a pet subject of mine... and I will discuss it more fully in a later Tartan Talk.

See you in two weeks.

*Danny McGrain*

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# ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

## ACROSS:-

- (1) If Liverpool, Manchester United and Torquay give VAT, what do Ipswich, Wolves & Norwich give? (3)
- (3) Trevor —; Bristol City midfielder player. (7)
- (5) Orient player — or a musical instrument. (3)
- (7) Small buildings mainly wooden, the groundsman might use. (5)
- (11) Queens Park Rangers winger. (6 & 4)
- (12) The —; Southampton ground. (4)
- (14) Field —; Mansfield Town's ground. (4)
- (15) Nottingham Forest's new Scottish striker. (3 & 7)
- (16) A good player needs a great deal of common —. (5)
- (19) Thoroughly proficient. (5)
- (21) Elton John's team from Vicarage Road. (7)
- (22) Girl's name from Stirling Albion's ground. (3)

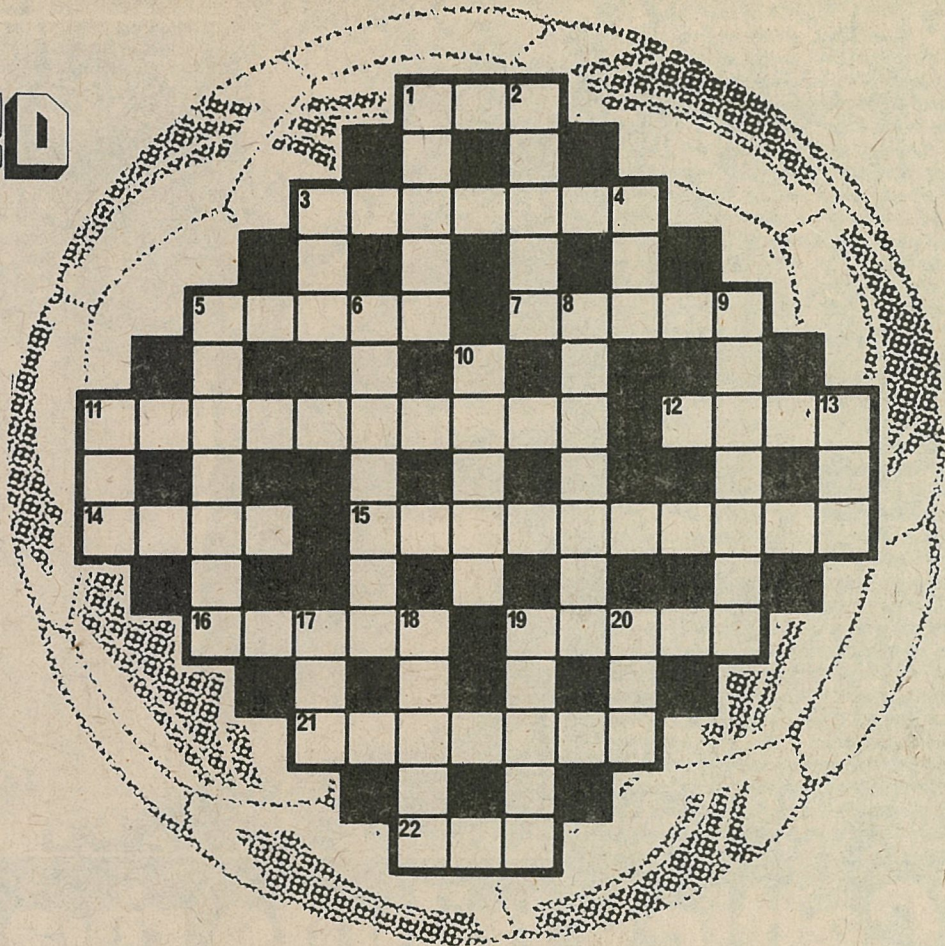
## DOWN:-

- (1) — Rovers; Bass League of Ireland side. (5)
- (2) — County. The oldest Football League club; formed 1862. (5)
- (3) The number of clubs in

the Scottish Premier Division. (3)

- (4) Reverse three letters from ABERDEEN to give a word denoting a woman's maiden name. (3)
- (5) Surname of Nottingham Forest striker. (7)
- (6) Surname also of player (for 21 Across) who was League top scorer 1978/9 with 29 goals. (7)
- (8) Runners-up in the 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals. (7)
- (9) Ray —, West Ham full-back. (7)
- (10) Writes acceptance to play for club as an example. (5)
- (11) A precious stone from Archie Gemmill. (3)
- (13) Gordon —, Everton manager. (3)
- (17) Fresh from Newport County! (3)
- (18) Additional time to decide a drawn game. (5)
- (19) Tree seed which, in another way, could prove painful to a player! (5)
- (20) This preceded by a direction gives the team from Roots Hall Ground. (3)

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# THE SCOT WHO OUTSHONE ARDILES

THE fans turned up to marvel at the debonair, flamboyant skills of the soccer millionaires of Spurs.

Keith Burkinshaw's expensive road show with Osvaldo Ardiles, Steve Archibald, Garth Crooks and company were in Dundee and put on an extravaganza in a friendly against Dundee United.

The supporters were eager to see the big money White Hart Lane outfit, but at the end of a memorable 90 minutes they weren't talking about the expensive superstars... they were discussing United's home grown talent which had blasted out a 4-1 runaway victory that left Spurs breathless and dejected.

Paul Sturrock was perhaps the

outstanding star for United that evening, and this promises to be the season when he really emerges from the shadows.

His career at Tannadice has not fulfilled expectations. He has been bedevilled by bad luck, injuries and inexplicable lapses of form. He has been in and out of the first team and on and off the transfer list.

Now Sturrock is hoping for a change in fortune and an opportunity to demonstrate the skills he undoubtedly possesses.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill, one of his admirers, says: "He is a naturally gifted left-sided player and there aren't many of them about. The boy is loaded with talent."

Davie Hayes, the Morton right-back, has faced those astonishing, flashing left-wing bursts on countless occasions and he says: "He can skin you alive when he gets into his stride. He is not built like a Charles Atlas, but he is not easy to knock off the ball."

The list of tributes can go on, spelling out the power, pace and grace of Sturrock. Now the ball is definitely in the United player's court.

"I'm just looking for a settled run



in the first team," says Sturrock. "I want to stay clear of injury and just do my best for the club."

Behind those words is a steel-like determination of a player who has been overlooked when English teams have come shopping at Tannadice to splash out big cash on the likes of Andy Gray and Ray Stewart and be linked with David Narey, Paul Hegarty and Graeme Payne.

## Reputation

All that can be very unsettling, but United manager Jim McLean has a reputation as a fair man with his players. They know they can forget all about transfer rumours and get on with the job.

There was no rush when Sturrock was made available for transfer a few years ago. He was going through a dark period in his career, but he is adamant that those days are behind him now.

One Spurs player put it this way: "United really gave us a hard time of it up in Scotland. Even when they were leading 3-1 near the end of the game this fellow Sturrock was still racing around like it was the Cup Final and his team were looking for an equaliser!"

Demonstrating that resolute approach, fused with his undoubted skills, Paul Sturrock could really emerge as a major star for Dundee United AND Scotland!



Celtic boss Billy McNeill is an admirer of Sturrock's (right) talents.



**L**EICESTER City, the team Liverpool play away this Saturday in the League, gained promotion as Champions — yet ironically they, from the three clubs to graduate from the Second Division, could find life hardest in the First and even become involved in fighting against relegation.

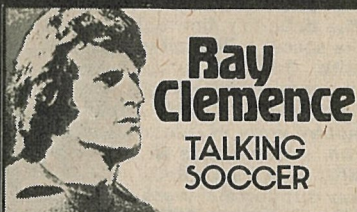
It grieves me to say this — as I have great admiration for their manager, Jock Wallace — but the very quality that lifted them from the Second could condemn them to a swift return.

And that is the youthfulness of the squad. This can denote lack of experience, and without a core of older players with a background of playing at the highest level Leicester may find the going hard.

I've never played in the Second Division, but through observation and playing in Cup-ties against teams from that strata, I know the emphasis there is more on a fast and furious style with less thought. In the First, the pace is a bit slower and the thinking quicker.

There's a saying in football: "The first three yards are in your head", and it applies particularly to playing in the more constructive top Division.

Of course, Leicester may stick to a hustle and bustle approach with



**Ray Clemence**  
TALKING SOCCER

develop the potential of his Leicester babes.

It's particularly important to get off to a good start to weather the almost inevitable period of struggle that besets promoted sides in mid-season.

Palace, who graduated last season, are an example. At one stage they were League leaders, and there was even talk of them emulating Nottingham Forest who came up and took the Championship in 1977-78.

But after losing 3-0 to us at Anfield they seemed to lose confidence and went off the boil. However, their good start had given them a points bank balance which relieved them of relegation pressure and allowed them to increase their experience, which should stand them in good stead this time around.

An interesting aspect of Forest's amazing Championship achievement is they only managed to sec-

## 'Second Division Champions Leicester could struggle'



# Promotion can be

the object of preventing teams from settling down, but this could only pay off for a limited number of games. They must concentrate on applying their skills.

Obviously, with such a young side, Jock Wallace will aim to consolidate a position in the First, to

ure third place in the promotion "frame", evidence that winning the Second Division title is no passport to success in the First.

It's rare for the title-winners in the Second to win by a big margin. In fact, there's usually little between the three promoted sides and those

just beneath them in the League table. Last season ended in typical fashion, with the issue only being settled between the half-a-dozen or so clubs in the "race" in the last

couple of weeks.

I was interested in an article in Soccer Monthly, SHOOT'S companion magazine, recently in which six Second Division managers were interviewed on the basis "Did the Best Teams Win Promotion?"

I certainly agree with the overall

## 'Carlisle led the League — then crashed'



*In their opening game in the First Division in 1974-75, Carlisle beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.*



Leicester's Alan Young scores his team's only goal in their 3-1 defeat at West Ham last season.



and Bristol settled for a draw.

Sometimes reaching the First can rebound on a club to such an extent it's almost a curse. Take Carlisle United, the little club in border country in the North-West which gained promotion to the top bracket for the first time in 1974.

After a brief honeymoon period at the outset, when they led the Division after beating Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, the harsh realities hit them and they plummeted to 22nd position with only 29 points.

Probably their biggest liability was being in a comparatively thinly-populated area where the meagre support just could not sustain a club with the increased expenses incurred in the First, such as paying top wages, an even bigger drain on their resources when they dropped back into the Second.

Since then Carlisle have fallen further, into the Third, a fate which may not have happened if they had never joined the elite.

When things go wrong for a newly-promoted club, the tendency has been to reach for the cheque book to buy players experienced at top level. The inflated state of today's transfer fees probably means Leicester certainly will not be able to afford to do this.

# a curse

affirmative conclusion. For League results are based on performances over 42 games and must be a true indication of teams' worth.

Each of the three promotion-winners, Leicester, Birmingham and Sunderland, have traditions of playing good football, but what particularly pleases me about their inclusion is their crowd potential. Leicester, for geographical reasons, can't match the other two when it comes to massive support, but they'll fill their ground if they do well.

## Controversy

This is certainly a justification of the 'Three-up, three-down' system of promotion/relegation introduced in 1974, which still raises controversy.

Overall, I'm in favour. It creates more interest amongst teams in the lower half of the First, particularly in the final stages of the season, and also stimulates those in the top half of the Second.

Relegation battles can create as much interest and drama as promotion tussles, as exemplified three seasons ago when Coventry City and Bristol City, both with the spectre of relegation looming in front of them, played their last game at Highfield Road in front of a huge crowd. In fact, I believe it was Coventry's largest of the season.

Neither team went down. For partway through the game news came through that Sunderland, the other team level with them on points, had lost, and so Coventry

However, Birmingham and Sunderland, both more affluent, could afford to go into the transfer market if things go wrong. Their problem then would be finding the right players available.

Although no team gets a place in the First by right, I'll stick my neck out and predict that both Birmingham and Sunderland will be there next season.

But back to Leicester, our opponents this Saturday. At one time, before I became a regular first team man, they were Liverpool's bogey side, once knocking us out in a Fifth Round F.A. Cup-tie. They drew 0-0 at Anfield, then won 1-0 at Filbert Street.

As I mentioned earlier, we expect the Leicester youngsters to be really geed-up for a game regarded as a yardstick for their future prospects.

They'll be full of enthusiasm and running, trying to rush us out of our rhythm and so destroy cool, calculated football.

It should be an interesting study in styles.

Four days later we'll be on League Cup duty, in the first-leg of the Second Round of a competition Liverpool have yet to win.

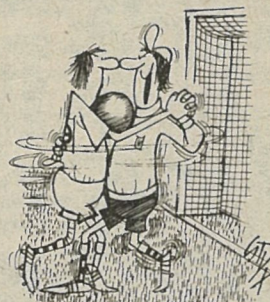
It's about time we rectified the situation.

*Ray Clemence*

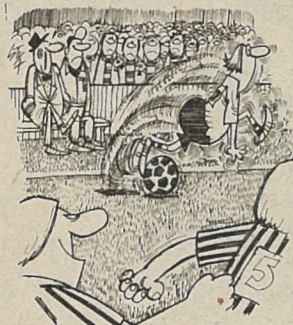
# FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Martin Peters, the new player coach at Sheffield United, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



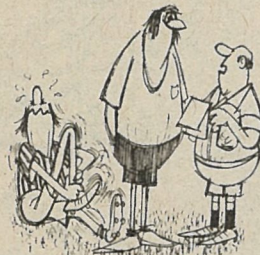
"While you're here, shall we dance?"



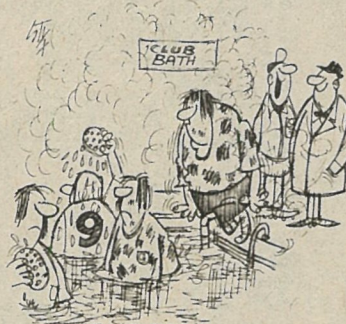
"Makes a change — he usually falls over his foot."



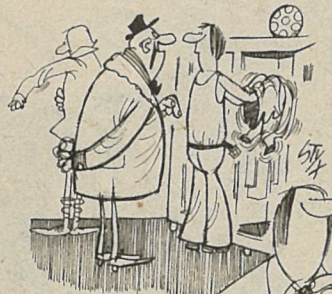
"It's about the house we've promised him if he signs — wants us to buy Beaulieu from Lord Montague!"



"Course it was a late tackle. The ball was on the top of the stand when you made it."



"It's saving us a bomb on laundry bills."



"If you played with as much flair as you've got in those trousers . . ."



"Pull your socks up."

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Manchester City and Leeds will both be under pressure to produce the results this season. Hard work and effort will be the order of the day, but if City's Roger Palmer and United's Gary Hamson can maintain this sort of determination they shouldn't do too badly.



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# Youngsters hold key to BORO'S success

**M**ENTION Middlesbrough to the majority of fans and you'll get a shrug of the shoulders and a few grudging words of appreciation for their young players.

Drop the name of the Teesside club into a group of managers and you will find nothing but admiration for their achievements in recent seasons.

And they back it up with praise for the man who runs Middlesbrough, quiet-spoken Georgie John Neal.

In three years since replacing Jack Charlton at Ayresome Park, Neal's low key management has helped Boro go a long way towards removing their tag as one of the most unattractive teams in the country.

Since taking over from Big Jack, the former Wrexham manager has

brought a new, entertaining dimension to the team's game.

Now he needs to crown that by adding some trophies to an Ayresome Park boardroom which doesn't boast much silverware. There is a feeling at the club — and elsewhere in the game — that this could be the season it happens.

Even so, you won't find Neal making any rash predictions.

Neal is not the type to beat the big drum about his team's title chances — "I'm looking for an improvement on last season," he says — but the ability and character of some of his young stars could well see Boro pushing the big clubs at the top.

## Challenge

In fact, one of the most intriguing aspects of the season will be to see whether they have maintained the progress they have shown in the last two years.

Players like Ian Bailey, Craig Johnston, David Hodgson, Mark Proctor, Peter Johnson and Graeme Hedley would be welcomed with open arms at any other club. And there are others in the same mould coming through the Ayresome Park youth system, run so efficiently by former Celtic star Bobby Murdoch.

It is Neal's confidence in these youngsters which has kept him out of the transfer market during the summer, except as a seller — Alan Ramage going to Derby.

It means this season's challenge will largely be entrusted to the squad which finished last season.

Jim Platt and Jim Stewart, both internationals, will continue their fight for the goalkeeper's spot.

John Craggs still doesn't seem to have a challenger for the number two shirt, although there is a three-way battle for the other full-back spot between Bailey, Johnson and Jeff Peters.

With Ramage gone, former centre-forward Billy Ashcroft is set to link up again with captain Tony McAndrew at the heart of the defence.

The midfield places will be shared between Johnston, Hedley, Proctor and David Armstrong, while Micky Burns, Bosco Jankovic, David Shearer and transfer-listed Terry Cochrane will be competing to line up alongside Hodgson in the forward line.

Impressive . . . but it doesn't take into account the presence of former Newcastle star Irving Nattrass, whose career has been

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

set back in the last two seasons by a succession of injuries.

A fully-fit Nattrass is among the best midfield players in the country and his appearance throughout the season could be the key which unlocks Europe to Boro.

Nattrass himself is eagerly looking forward to the season . . . and he certainly deserves a slice of luck after his injury problems.

"I've come through the pre-season matches and feel as fit as I have for a long time," he says.

"Now I've got a bit of time to make up for and I don't see why this side shouldn't figure among the honours.

"I'm not saying we will win the League, but our consistency should make us a good bet for the F.A. Cup or League Cup.

"We could go all the way, particularly if we get a good draw

in the first two rounds. After that, the occasion tends to take over and we have the players who can cope with that."

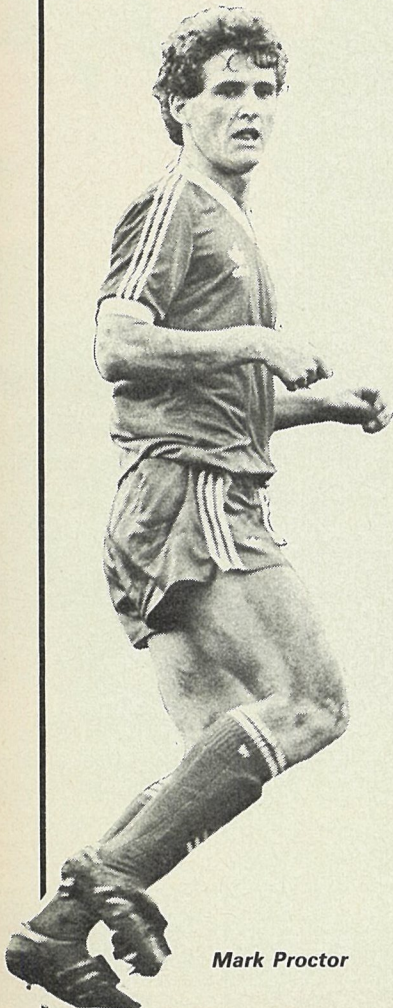
Possible top six contenders and good Cup bets . . . the prospects are good for Middlesbrough. The only question mark against their chances is whether they have the support to push them to the top.

Last season, they were among the worst supported teams in the First Division.

Home games sometimes attracted only 15,000, even when Boro were pushing for a place in Europe.

The reply from the stay-away supporters is that Boro have always promised so much, but failed to deliver the goods. When they do, they will return.

This could be the season they have been waiting for.



Mark Proctor



Peter Johnson



# MIDDLES



BACK ROW (left to right): Mickey Burns, Graeme Hedley, Irving Nattrass, Mark Proctor, Craig Johnston.

MIDDLE ROW: Lew Cla Johnson, Billy Ashcroft, Shearer, Charlie Bell, Harold Shepherdson (ass



# BROUGH



yton (trainer/physio), Peter  
lan Bailey, Mick Aus, David  
John Coddington (coach),  
st. manager).

FRONT ROW: David Armstrong, John Craggs, Jim  
Stewart, John Neal (manager), Jim Platt, Tony  
McAndrew, David Hodgson.

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THE big surprise on the opening day of the French League was Bordeaux's convincing 3-0 victory over mighty St. Etienne. Apart from that, it was very much 'home rule' with seven of the ten games ending as home wins and the other three as draws.

## New career at 35

A FEW weeks back I reported that Real Madrid's veteran captain, Pirri, had played such a superb season that the club had agreed to extend his contract for a further year.

But on the day that Real reported back for training, Pirri announced that he was off to Mexico, where Puebla have offered him £325,000 for a two-year contract.

Real, always ready to oblige their long-serving players, agreed to let him go, so the veteran sweeper is starting a new career at the age of 35!

## WORLD WIDE



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**CHRIS DAVIES**

## SIMONSEN STAYS

SIX months ago Barcelona wanted Tony Woodcock. They offered Cologne a swap-plus-cash deal involving Danish star Allan Simonsen, but the West German club refused.

Now Barcelona claim to have received a telegram from Cologne informing them that Woodcock is, after all, for sale.

But in the meantime Barcelona had appointed ex-national team boss Ladislav Kubala (seen here with the Dane) as their new manager, and Kubala says he's quite happy to have Simonsen in his team.



## Pelé's advice to Franz Beckenbauer

**O**BVIOUSLY I haven't gone back to Germany for the money. The move to Hamburg simply means that I can get away from the USA and get back to my home country to play some real football — proper football, not like US soccer.

The blunt sincerity comes from Franz Beckenbauer, the West German ace who led Bayern Munich and his country to triumph after triumph before heading for New York and a fistful of dollars with the Cosmos. Now The Kaiser is back in the Bundesliga, filling the vacant superstar spot left at Hamburg by Kevin Keegan.

"OK, it means I've got to start again from scratch, and change my

rhythm completely. Life has been comfortable with the Cosmos. The fans over there are enthusiastic but know relatively little about the game — so you can have a dreadful match and hardly anyone will notice!

"Even the sporting Press haven't come to grips with soccer, and reports tend to be very superficial.

"Their method of working is pretty light by European standards, and players have three months holiday every year. By contrast, the playing season can be demanding, as you play around three matches per week.

"It's all very comfortable really. But, you know, I've always been accustomed to traditional, classi-

cal football and in the States... well, everyone knows how they convert each game into a show.

"And any real footballer will soon begin to miss 'real' football. I, at any rate, badly miss the serious football where I made my name.

"So when Günter Netzer asked me to go back to Hamburg the money wasn't the most important thing. I asked for time to think it over, but it immediately gave me a tremendous lift to know that people back home still remember me and believe in me as a footballer, even though I'm 35.

"You know I talked about this to Pelé, and he advised me not to risk going back because I might play badly and destroy all the grand memories German people have of my play. That's why he refused offers to go back to Brazil.

"I realise this is going to be a difficult phase of my career. I've grown used to playing in second or third gear with the Cosmos, and with Hamburg I'll be competing with a lot of good, younger players in a very tough League.

"And there's another very important thing. My place in New York was in an elegant district of

Manhattan. Right in the middle. But I could walk the streets and not be recognised by more than a handful of people.

"Back in Germany things will be very, very different and I will have to put up with constant pressure from the public and the Press — and of course everybody will be analysing me very closely.

"These doubts about whether I'll be able to have any private life in Germany were the main reason I took so long to make up my mind.

"But in the end I decided that life without new challenges becomes boring. OK, I'm taking a big risk. But I still feel young and full of football. And I'm hungry for real football again..."

## News flashes

● FC Cologne have offered their Japanese international striker Yashuiko Okudera, plus £200,000 to newly promoted Arminia Bielefeld for their goal-getter, 24-year-old Christian Sackewitz.

● Ordered down to Series B (Division Two) by the Bribes Enquiry, AC Milan have sold their young forward star Walter Alfredo Novellini, to Naples for just over £1 million.

● The Belgian European Championship players have still not been paid their Final bonus. Captain Julien Cools broke off talks with the F.A. in order to find out from German players what they received for reaching the Final before reaching an agreement.

● Polish international Grzegorz Lato, top scorer in the 1974 World Cup, has reached 30 and

been allowed to leave Stal Mielec. He has joined SC Lokeren in Belgium, where he will play alongside Włodzimierz Lubanski again.



● Argentine club Argentinos Juniors are certainly determined to cash in on their teenage superstar Diego Maradona (above). Their going rate for exhibition matches has now been raised to just over £52,000 per game! Interestingly, this is more than the Argentine national team demanded for their recent match at Wembley!

● Ladislav Novak, captain of the Czech

team in the 1962 World Cup Final in Chile, has taken over as manager-coach of Dukla Prague after five years working in Belgium. He succeeds Jaroslav Vejvoda who has retired.

● Piotr Mowlik of Lech Poznan has been voted Footballer of the Year in Poland and will receive a golden boot. Pin up boy Zbigniew Boniek, the current star of the national team, was voted only fifth.

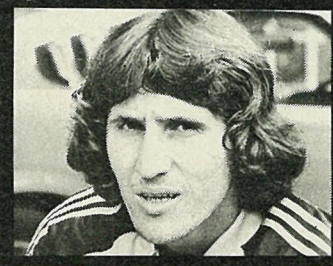
● Former West German international Wolfgang Overath and Cologne's 27-year-old defender Harold Konopka have gone into business together. They have invested their money in an indoor sports complex at Hennef. Already they have opened ten indoor tennis courts, 12 squash courts, and a swimming pool and bar. In November the second stage will be complete with sauna baths, a solarium and a huge ice hall that will provide facilities for skating and ice hockey.

## Zico denied a fortune

**F**LAMENGO, the Brazilian Champions, have refused to sell their biggest star, Zico (below), to Roma for 1.5 million dollars and such a move has upset the player.

"Flamengo have denied me the opportunity of making in Italy, in just one year, the same amount of money that it will take me three years to earn in Brazil. Next year, this will be considered when they call me to sign a new contract," said a disappointed Zico.

The club says they will not sell Zico to anyone, but at the same time they hint that they just might, if the amount of money is appropriate, because, they say, any new proposals will be taken to the Consulting Board, comprising 300 top members of the club.





# Orient bet on Bowles

**S**TAN Bowles' reputation as a gifted player but unpredictable character is of no consequence to Jimmy Bloomfield. The Orient manager reckons Stan will fill the personality gap that has been missing from Brisbane Road for too long.

Bowles' gambling problems are self-confessed. But Bloomfield is not interested. "If Stan wants to bet that's up to him. The time it concerns me will be only when, if ever, it affects his performances for Orient."

"Anyway, I reckon Stan's 'bad-boy' image has been blown out of all proportion. He's a really nice guy who's still got plenty of football left in him."

## Inconsistent

Bowles joined Orient in July after seven inconsistent months at Nottingham Forest. He has also worn, with flair and controversy, the colours of Manchester City, Bury, Crewe, Carlisle and Queens Park Rangers, with whom he won five England caps, the last in 1977.

He cost Orient £110,000, a snip in these days of inflated transfer fees. But it is the most Bloomfield has paid in his ten-year managerial career.

"I reckon I've got a good buy. You see, I'm trying to change the image of Orient. I want a team people will come and watch, and Stan Bowles is part of that."

"I think Stan is at his best in midfield, but I don't like to categorise people too much," adds Bloom-

field, who was close to signing Bowles eight years ago when he was manager of Leicester. But Q.P.R. beat him to it.

"He wanted to come back to London from Nottingham and I was delighted that he decided to come to Brisbane Road. I hope Stan can fulfil my ambition to take Orient into the First Division. The actual deal went through very smoothly. He's fitted in well with other players and he is training hard."

The optimism surrounding Bowles' £200,000 move from Rangers to Forest last December was quickly dispelled. Bowles left the club describing Clough as a dictator. He said he couldn't stand it any longer, even though he might have played in Forest's successful European Cup Final team against Hamburger SV.

Surely, if playing for the European Champions wasn't sufficient for Bowles, and if Clough couldn't excite his enthusiasm, can anybody? But Bloomfield refuses to accept the theory.

"I think there was just a clash of personalities between Stan and Brian at Forest. He always got on well with Peter Taylor, Forest's assistant-manager. I'm not going to kid or threaten him, because people have tried that before and failed."

Bowles is now 31. Orient fans, and admirers of skilful soccer, are all hoping that Jimmy Bloomfield's confidence will be rewarded by the unpredictable Bowles.

Have Orient come up with an ace of their own in Stan Bowles?



# DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 1980-81

## F.A. CUP

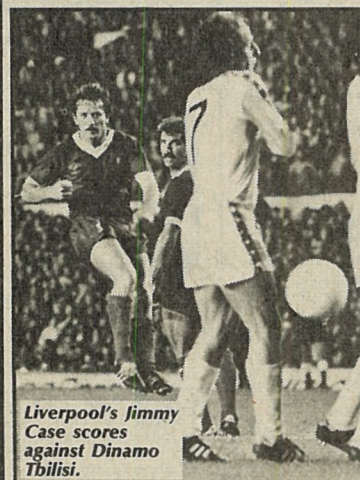
First Round — November 22  
Second Round — December 13  
Third Round — January 3  
Fourth Round — January 24  
Fifth Round — February 14  
Sixth Round — March 7  
Semi-Finals — April 11  
FINAL — May 9

## LEAGUE CUP

Second Round, first-leg — August 27  
Second Round, second-leg — September 3  
Third Round — September 24  
Fourth Round — October 29  
Fifth Round — December 3  
Semi-Final, first-leg — January 14  
Semi-Final, second-leg — February 11  
FINAL — March 14

## EUROPEAN CUP

First Round, first-leg — September 17  
First Round, second-leg — October 1  
Second Round, first-leg — October 22  
Second Round, second-leg — November 5  
Quarter-Finals, first-leg — March 4  
Quarter-Finals, second-leg — March 18  
Semi-Finals, first-leg — April 8  
Semi-Finals, second-leg — April 22  
FINAL — May 27



Liverpool's Jimmy Case scores against Dinamo Tbilisi.

## CUP-WINNERS' CUP

First Round, first-leg — September 17  
First Round, second-leg — October 1  
Second Round, first-leg — October 22  
Second Round, second-leg — November 5  
Quarter-Finals, first-leg — March 4  
Quarter-Finals, second-leg — March 18  
Semi-Finals, first-leg — April 8  
Semi-Finals, second-leg — April 22  
FINAL — May 13

## U.E.F.A. CUP

First Round, first-leg — September 17  
First Round, second-leg — October 1  
Second Round, first-leg — October 22  
Second Round, second-leg — November 5  
Third Round, first-leg — November 26  
Third Round, second-leg — December 10  
Quarter-Finals, first-leg — March 4  
Quarter-Finals, second-leg — March 18  
Semi-Finals, first-leg — April 8  
Semi-Finals, second-leg — April 22  
FINAL, first-leg — May 6  
FINAL, second-leg — May 20

## WORLD CUP

September 10 — Eire v. Holland  
Sweden v. Scotland  
England v. Norway  
October 15 — Eire v. Belgium  
N. Ireland v. Sweden  
Scotland v. Portugal  
Rumania v. England  
Wales v. Turkey  
October 28 — France v. Eire  
November 19 — Eire v. Cyprus  
Wales v. Czechoslovakia  
Portugal v. N. Ireland  
England v. Switzerland

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February 25 — Israel v. Scotland  
March 25 — Scotland v. N. Ireland  
April 29 — N. Ireland v. Portugal  
Scotland v. Israel  
England v. Rumania  
May 30 — Switzerland v. England  
June 3 — Sweden v. N. Ireland  
June 6 — Hungary v. England

## BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

May 16 — N. Ireland v. England  
Wales v. Scotland  
May 19 — Scotland v. N. Ireland  
May 20 — England v. Wales  
May 22 — N. Ireland v. Wales  
May 23 — England v. Scotland

## F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY

FINAL — May 16

## F.A. CHALLENGE VASE

FINAL — April 25

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Second Round, first-leg — Aug 27  
Second Round, second-leg — Aug 30  
Third Round, first-leg — Sept 3  
Third Round, second-leg — Sept 24  
Quarter-Finals, first-leg — Oct 8  
Quarter-Finals, second-leg — Oct 22/29  
Semi-Finals, first-leg — Nov 1/12  
Semi-Finals, second-leg — Nov 20  
FINAL — Dec 6

## SCOTTISH CUP

Third Round — January 24  
Fourth Round — February 14  
Fifth Round — March 7  
Semi-Finals — April 11  
FINAL — May 9

Eintracht Frankfurt's Bruno Pezzey with the U.E.F.A. Cup.



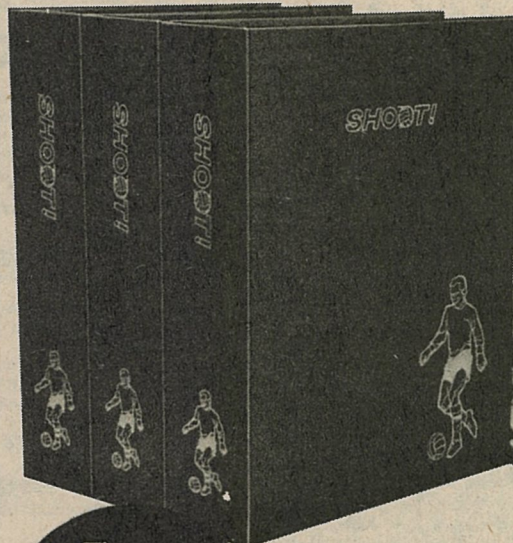


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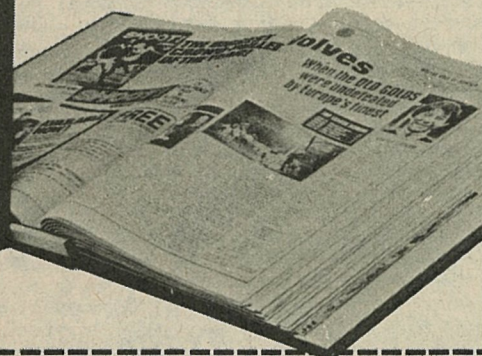
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**T**HE way Huddersfield Town tore defences to ribbons, plundering 101 League goals, and amassing a final points total of 66 last season — both new club records — earmarks them as a team to watch in 1980-81.

The Fourth Division title was just reward for their efforts.

But while other managers with that kind of record behind them might be tempted to beat the drum, and confidently predict a repeat performance in the Third, Mick Buxton, the Huddersfield boss, prefers to keep a low profile.

"Don't get me wrong. There's

# 101 GOALS!

## BUT THE TERRIERS ARE 'DEFENSIVE'

nothing sinister in it," Mick assured us. "I've not lost confidence in the lads, or anything like that. It's just that last season, while a lot of other managers were busy proclaiming to anyone who cared to listen just what they were going to do, we were happy to stay in the background, preferring to get on with the job."

"And look what happened. That's exactly the way I'd like things to go this season, too."

"Because of all the goals we scored, some people thought we'd decided on an attack at all costs approach from the start. But that wasn't the case at all. Far from it, in fact. Our original tactics might even be described as being more geared to defence than attack."

"We simply set out to make it as difficult as possible for anyone to beat us, and vowed any team that did would have had to work



Manager Mick Buxton.

damned hard to do it.

"That's the way we'll be playing it again this time. No fancy tactical ploys. Just keeping it plain and

simple.

"That attitude, together with the confidence we built up, was the real secret behind that three figure goals tally."

"Once we'd had the chance to assess the strength of the teams we were up against, I never had any doubt in my mind that we'd get promotion. I said as much to Steve Kindon, when I was trying to persuade him to join us around last Christmas time. I told him he wasn't joining a Fourth Division club, but a Third... it was just a matter of time. That's how confident I was."

Plain and simple is how Buxton describes his football philosophy. And that's exactly the way he conducted his dealings in the transfer market.

"I had some promising youngsters, but I was looking for some experienced players to help them along," explained Mick. "And I managed to get the men I wanted for a net outlay of just £16,500."

"They all blended together perfectly. No real stars, just a solid team effort, and I owe it to each and every one of the lads to give them the chance to produce the same results this season. So I've got no plans at the moment to enter the transfer market again."

"But having said that, my board have told me that there is money available, should I want it, and if the right player comes along, at the right price, then I'll not have

the slightest hesitation in going in for him.

"When you've tasted success once, if you're worth your salt, you'll want to sample it again and again. It might take a few years, but I'm determined to finish the job if I can."

That positive kind of attitude has got to be good news for Town's supporters, who were plunged to the depths of despair in recent years, after the club's dramatic fall from First to Fourth Division during the 70's.

"We've certainly livened things up, if nothing else. Now people are talking about the team we had last season, not ten years ago."

"Anyone who came to watch us certainly got full value for money. And the word obviously got around, because the gates seemed to get better each week. They'll improve even more, I'm sure, so long as we provide the goods."

### 'Improved'

"I'm particularly pleased about the way the atmosphere has improved within the club itself," Mick went on. "I like to think of myself as a players man — not the sort of boss who spends a lot of time shut away in his office. I like a laugh and a joke with my staff, and I set out to make it the kind of place where everyone enjoys coming in each day."

"But that doesn't mean they can all do as they like. So long as they act sensibly, and recognise wrong from right, as they have done, everything will be fine."

"On the face of it, by stepping up a Division, we're going to be up against teams who are supposed to be stronger than those we faced last term. So consolidation might appear to be the main objective. But you can take it from me, we'll be aiming to do better than just that if we can."

**J**UST a little bit of luck with injuries — and a sharp improvement in away form. That is the formula which could lift Wrexham into the First Division claims 200-goal marksman Dixie McNeil.

"That's the club's target, the dream of all the players and the big ambition of my career," says the burly striker who topped 200 goals in League football last season. "Before I finish, I'd love a couple of seasons in the First."

"Although I had one season in the Second with Hereford a couple of years ago — we went straight back down — I had to wait until I was 31 to achieve success in the Second. Now we are firmly based at this level and this season we have a much stronger squad."

"We have held our own in the Second for two seasons despite having an injury record possibly unequalled in the entire League. The one pointer to our real ability came in the first half of last season when we were right up with the front runners."

"Then the injuries hit us thick and fast and, with only a 14-man first team squad, our chance slid away. Now manager Arfon Griffiths has made two fine signings: centre-half Steve Dowman from

## McNeil spells it out

Colchester and Wolves midfielder player Ian Arkwright.

"Now we have something like the strength in depth that could give us promotion — because the ability and experience are there already," says McNeil.

"Players like Dai Davies, Terry Darracott, Joey Jones and Les Cartwright have all experienced the First Division or international football; local youngsters such as Joey's brother Frank, Peter Williams, Steve Kenworthy and Steve Buxton are coming through with real promise."

It took Wrexham a century to



McNeil gives Everton's defence a scare in last season's F.A. Cup Fifth Round tie.

reach the Second Division two years ago and McNeil, at 33, reflects, "I don't think I've got that much time left! But the way this club is going, we could reach the First before 2078!"

McNeil can point to Wrexham's feats in recent F.A. Cup, League Cup and European Cup-Winners'

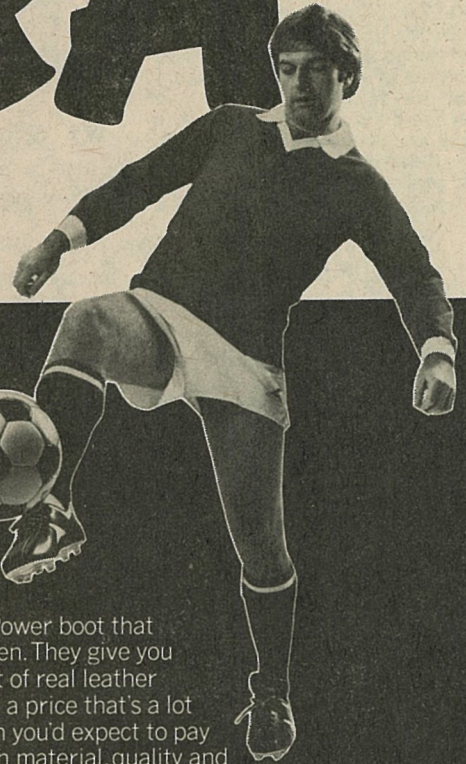
### Cup runs.

"People are assessing our record against top clubs and saying that is proof that we would do well at First Division level. That's not necessarily true, but it gives us reason to feel optimistic."



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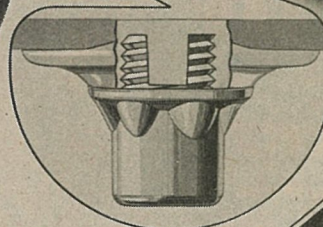
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This week's Star Letter comes from Paul Wood, of Petersfield, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes

## SAINTS' DEAL WON'T TURN SOUR

★ As a Southampton supporter, I feel I must reply to Neil Seaman's recent letter in which he says that the Kevin Keegan transfer will turn sour and that he cannot perform the miracle needed to make Saints a successful team.

There is no reason why this deal should turn sour. It is a great chance for British fans to see the England captain and European Footballer of the Year in action and it will also help Kevin to prepare for the 1982 World Cup.

As far as Southampton needing a miracle to become a successful team, I would like to point out that last season, without Keegan, we played some of the most exciting football seen in the Division (we scored the highest amount of home goals — 53) and finished eighth, just missing out on a place in Europe.

Therefore, even before the Keegan deal, I genuinely felt that we were only one or two players short of being a team capable of challenging for the title.

Now with Kevin, we at The Dell are looking forward to an exciting season, and whatever Neil Seaman thinks, we have no thoughts whatsoever that it will turn sour.

● Kevin looked tired towards the end of last season... Lawrie McMenemy will be hoping the England captain finds his old zip.

## Less celebrating, please

AT the start of a new season, may I put in a plea for more restraint on the part of players celebrating a goal? Naturally, they feel jubilant and no one would wish to deny them a whoop of triumph or a few handshakes.

Over the years, however, the whole thing has escalated beyond belief. During the European Championship we got an intriguing glimpse of the Italian team indulging in a display of joy that looked not unlike an orgy!

This sort of thing could be catching and I do not believe it is what most spectators want to see. If it should spread to our lads, perhaps the referee might be allowed to pour a bucket of



water over them.

M. C. SHEARER, TRYSELL.

● Take emotion out of the game and much of the excitement will disappear.

## Clemence right

PICKING up a suggestion made by Ray Clemence in his column, I agree wholeheartedly that the English First Division should be reduced to 18 teams.

While a 42-match League programme, played in all sorts of weather, produces players and clubs of perhaps superior character to that of our European counterparts, we are nevertheless inferior in terms of technique and skill as was indicated at times in the European Championship. It is also quite possible that Arsenal's heavy fixture list

may have been the underlying cause of their failure to beat either West Ham or Valencia in May.

A 34-match First Division programme could also incorporate a mid-winter break which would help groundsmen to produce a playing surface on which both skill and character, and not just the latter, would win the day more often.

The result could be that in a few years we would have an England team with even more skilful (and less tired) players than at present and, added to the great character of any English team (most of the time) we would have an even greater chance of success in major international competitions.

Surely the small matter of re-arranging the First Division system would seem worth it if and when this happened.

R. C. SIMMONDS, PENRYN.

● If someone can tell the Football League how they can relegate four clubs and not promote any, we may be in business.

## Slow down

NOW that the dust has settled on England's European Championship demise and another League season is with us, perhaps we can all settle down to our football free of exaggerated perspective.

In terms of skill, technique, control and tactics we're inferior to the top Europeans and are certain to remain that way for many years to come, but our game is in the main healthy, competitive and very well supported.

I would prefer to see the game slowed down, but I know the majority prefer sustained fast play with goal-mouth incidents and would not support the foreign style in the same way.

COLIN BRINTON, ESSEX.

● Forest and Liverpool have won the European Cup for the past four years — is that 'inferiority'?

## Change offside law

I THINK the offside law should be changed because more and more teams are bringing it into operation to get a good result.

This will spoil the game of football if nothing is done to prevent it. Fans pay to see good attacking football, not the ref putting the whistle to his mouth every five minutes to blow for offside.

I think the best answer to this problem is if a team catches the opposition offside more than five times then a corner kick should be awarded to the other side if not something harsher.

EWAN TAIT, KELSO.

● It's up to the other team to beat the offside trap.

## Third-rate Scotland

IT is about time we Scots stopped this pretence that our team is a world-beater and face the fact that Scotland are a third-rate team.

Maybe after we have stopped all the pig-headedness and sat down and thought about it we can start building towards the top again.

Do not mistake me — I am as patriotic as the next man, but the facts are there for all to see.

Scotland failed to qualify for Italy, came third in the British Championship and hit rock bottom on their European tour.

We have class players like Dalglish and Gray, but as a team we are hopeless.

DEREK PORTER, CARNOUSTIE.

● It's hardly surprising with the number of team-changes made each match.

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## Cambridge City

I live in Cambridge, and support City rather than United. Can you tell me their record gate, and what their ground capacity is?

RICHARD YOUNG, CAMBRIDGE.

● The Southern Leaguers' record attendance is some 11,500 back in 1963, Richard. But, according to my records, they could squeeze in 16,000 if necessary.

And that seems to be around 4,000 up on the capacity of Second Division neighbours Cambridge United.

## Zeppelin at Wembley

Is it true, before the War, a huge German airship flew over Wembley during a big match?

J. HOBMAN, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

● Quite true — and it was during the 1930 F.A. Cup Final, in which Arsenal beat Huddersfield 2-0.

It was a famous machine, known as the Graf Zeppelin — and the cigar-shaped monster airship cruised slowly over from one goalmouth to the other, casting a huge sinister shadow through the bright sunshine, dipping in salute before it slowly flew back home to Germany.

## SHORT PASSES



● Stan Matthews was knighted on 1st January, 1965 — just over a month before he played his last First Division game at the age of 50 years and five days.

(THOMAS MULVANEY, Coventry)

● Record F.A. Cup Final victory is Bury 6, Derby 0 in 1903; next-best is Blackburn Rovers 6, Sheffield Wednesday 1 in 1890.

(NEIL WHITEHEAD, Ellesmere Port)

● Liverpool's record 12 League titles were gained in 1901, 1906, 1922, 1923, 1947, 1964, 1966, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1979 and 1980.

(TEO KOK SENG, Singapore)

● Bobby Moore played a club-record 544 League games for West Ham, and an England record of 108 full internationals.

(JONATHAN HARGREAVES, Sevenoaks)





# THEY'RE FOOTBALL CRAZY DOWN SOUTH

**I**MAGINE being in the middle of 30,000 men, women and children, half jeering and chanting, a third babbling amongst themselves, the rest wandering about calling out 'beer, beer, Coca-Cola, cigarettes.'

Add to that several thousand transistor radios turned up to maximum volume, a few brass and percussion bands, fire-crackers, hooters and even sirens, and you have what is a typical Latin American football game.

Soccer in South America is not confined to just Brazil and Argentina. The whole Continent is football crazy, from Mexico to Chile. And while the smaller countries cannot claim to have produced any Peles, Maradonas or World Cup winners, they more than make up for it in enthusiasm.



The radio commentators for example. Each town has its own coverage, so that even a reserve game is given the full treatment. That means interviewing players before kick-off, at half-time, and after the game.

Even if the match is a dull affair, the commentator will build it up into an epic. Since it is so widely covered, many supporters watch one game live and listen to another on the radio — full blast! Goals are greeted with an ecstatic cry of "Gggollllll!" often lasting as long as 30 seconds!

If the radios aren't noisy enough, music is always about. In Peru and Brazil games are played to a constant drum beat. Everyone taps their feet, and anyone can join the bands. At

## No prizes for guessing what's in the bags

one game I saw in Belize, one of the substitutes danced to the rhythm in order to warm up.

Latin American supporters need never go hungry. Here is a brief sample of the refreshments on offer at one game in Lima's National Stadium; sweets, ice-cream, cakes, fruit pies, apples, potato crisps, fried bananas, beer, cigarettes and doughnuts, all brought to your seat by a multitude of young boys.

At half-time, which incidentally seems to last as long as the referee feels like in most games, the crowd has to choose its own

entertainment.

In Costa Rica fans threw liquid-filled polythene bags on to the spectators below. No guesses as to what sort of liquid!

When the season in Guatemala reached its climax last February, in the game between local rivals Municipal and Comunicaciones, the fans spent the 15 minutes break lobbing the carcass of a large, black chicken around the stadium.

The end of that game ended in a riot which made the English fans in Italy look like angels. But the strange thing was that although the pitch was invaded with two minutes still to play, the referee let the game continue!

Not only did the players have to dribble around hordes of small boys, but also the riot police chasing them. A stream of bottles rained down on the policemen, sent down by supporters angry at the deaths of three of their number in the previous week's game. In that incident police had opened fire on the fans.

On the pitch the atmosphere can get pretty heated, too. Sendings-off, usually of two players at a time, are common. At one friendly between Bolivar of Bolivia and Alianza of Peru, in the magnificent Olympic Stadium in La Paz,

# AMERICA WAY

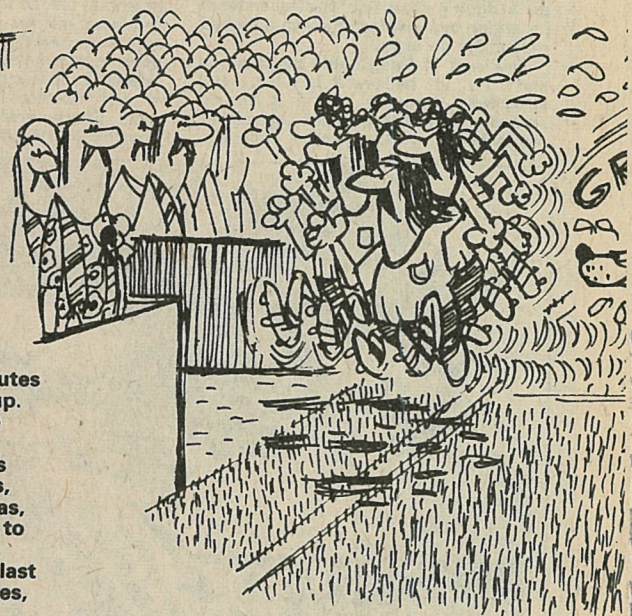
eight players were booked and two carried off. It didn't help that Alianza stayed in their dressing room for 20 minutes after the scheduled kick-off.

Thrills and spills are most common in the Copa Libertadores — the Latin American equivalent of our European Cup. Tensions run so high that full scale war seems imminent.

The tackling in one game between an Ecuadorian side and Santa Fe of Colombia was so disgraceful as to merit reports of "assassinations" and "bloody murderers!"

At one stage of this foray the Colombian trainer tried to get on to the pitch to nurse one of his wounded. The home team's manager stopped him physically, let the military police take over and beat the hapless man to the ground, in front of the 50,000 hysterical Ecuadorians.

Referees have a terrible time with play-acting. Players go down in agony at the slightest knock, simply to win time or get an opponent into trouble. Invariably the sight of a stretcher coming on is enough to revive the poorest actors, but some carry the facade on





**Referees have a terrible time with play-acting**



even to the touchline.

We have seen this kind of unprofessional play from European teams visiting Britain, and it is one factor that seriously undermines much of South American football.

There are many positive sides however. For one, since the weather is so good, fans are treated to two games at one sitting. Sometimes the first game is the youth or reserve team, often another League game. Spectators get value for money, and younger players experience playing in front of big crowds.

Stadiums are much better than ours. The poorest of towns will have a decent, all-seated stadium, and the richest often a sports complex with swimming pools, athletics tracks, indoor halls and gyms belonging, not to a club but to the city council.

Lima, the capital of Peru, has several major football clubs all sharing two stadiums, one of which is also used for international games.

Public ownership of the grounds means

prices are much lower. The best seat at Lima's top stadium costs £1.20.

British fans would find soccer in South America different from the game here in other ways. Programmes, for example, are never printed. Everyone reads the special football newspapers printed in every major town.

Admission to matches is always by ticket, which you queue for either before the game, or at box offices elsewhere. The queues can get long, so ticket touts do a roaring trade. They usually sell at a 5p profit per ticket!

During the match several balls are used. As soon as the match ball goes out of play, a new one is thrown on. In a huge stadium that can save lots of time.

In poorer countries, like Belize, match balls are sometimes in short supply. One First Division match I saw in Belize City was held up until someone went home to get another ball!

They're not short of teams there though. One week three teams turned up to play in the same game. The last team on were escorted off by two policemen and a dog. They'd got the fixture list wrong!

Above all I will remember a goal scored in Mexico City's Aztec Stadium. Universidad's Hugo Sanchez beat the Atlante goalkeeper with a 30 yard scissor kick.

**One team was escorted off by two policemen and a dog**

"The Apotheosis of Hugo Sanchez," said one newspaper, calling his goal "a joy; in art, in plasticity, in emotion."

I wish I had a photograph of the goal to show you, but taking a camera to a South American game would be like wearing blue on The Kop. In 1969 two Latin American countries, El Salvador and Honduras, went to war after playing each other on the football field.

After my South American soccer bonanza, the open, wet terraces of our League grounds will seem like a vicar's tea party in comparison!

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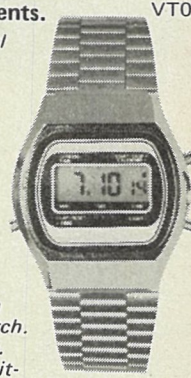
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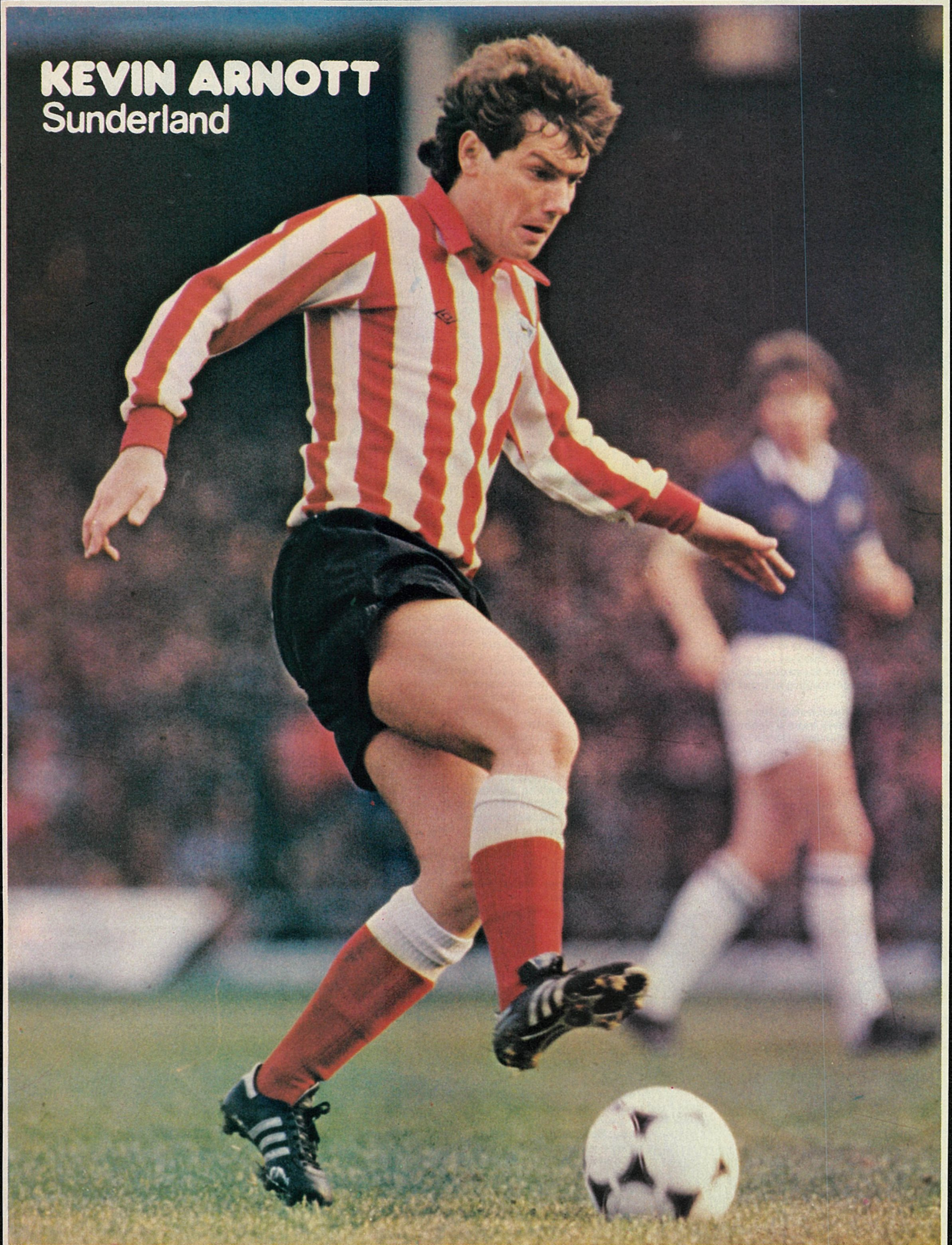
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# Jackie Charlton's promise~ the First Division for Wednesday

**A**S the new season gets under way keen football supporters around the country will be wondering if Sheffield Wednesday, under the management of former Leeds and England centre-half Jackie Charlton, are going to struggle in the Second Division or prove a threat to the clubs more readily fancied for promotion.

It is an intriguing question, but to the soccer mad city of Sheffield it means a lot more.

To the Wednesday supporters who conduct an astonishing inter-city rivalry with neighbours Sheffield United, it is a matter of vital concern.

In this kind of cauldron; in the space of two and a half years, Jack Charlton has rebuilt the team and won promotion at a cost of about £10,000. Inevitably, many fears

have bred in many minds during the close season . . .

Only one man could answer these questions — big Jack himself. SHOOT found him to be in a confident, determined mood. Here's what he had to say . . .

We asked him first about not having a contract. Did it mean he was free to go at any time?

"I prefer to think of it as giving me the freedom to stay," he replied.

"It gives me the freedom that I wouldn't have under any other circumstances. If I had a contract it would be too binding. I would have to stick too closely to the letter."

He had no doubt about Wednesday getting back into the First Division.

"I am determined to make it

happen. The hard part was getting out of the Third Division, and we have done that. I believe the Third to be the toughest Division in the world to escape."

We reminded him that he used to say he didn't know about the Third Division, so what does he feel about the Second?

"I have seen a couple of Second Division games, and it is still very much a League of people who think they can play a bit better than they really can."

"The Second Division has got one or two players who think they can play but I call them fancy

merchants . . . I'm not worried about coming into this Division!"

Until now some of his players haven't played in the Second Division. We asked him what lay in store for them.

"The first thing they are going to find is that it's probably not as hard as the Third Division," Charlton replied.

Will Wednesday supporters see big names in the team?

"It depends on how things go over the next couple of years. I might go and buy a player and then suddenly find that I've got one of my kids coming through



Wednesday players (above) celebrate their promotion from the Third to the Second Division.

who is better.

"Or I might buy a player and then suddenly find I've spent my money when someone somewhere else breaks a leg and I've got to shift about to find a replacement."

"By the end of the season we should have improved the quality of our team as a whole and the quality of our staff, as we have done over the last two years. We'll get out of the Second Division when we are good enough."

Finally, we put it to Jack that there could be an exciting season in prospect for Wednesday.

"I've been looking forward to this season," he admitted. "Because I've always said that Sheffield Wednesday was like a big snowball. It was heavy and difficult to get it moving, but now we have got it moving we will be very difficult to stop."

"We have got tremendous potential in the ground here and in the city itself."

"We will go on . . . we won't stop here. It was only a matter of time before Wednesday got back into the Second Division and it will only be a matter of time before we get back into the First."



# We'll see the real McGarvey this season

**F**RANK McGARVEY is still the most expensive player in Scottish soccer after his £275,000 transfer from Liverpool to Celtic last season.

In a matter of months he was picking up a Scottish Cup winners' medal after playing a large part in his team's 1-0 success over old rivals Rangers at Hampden. But Frank was not happy last season.

"I took a while to settle down," says the lightning-swift raider. "Winning the Cup went some way to making up for the disappointment of losing the League title, but I know I have a lot more to offer."

Parkhead manager Billy McNeill says: "Frank had a tough time last season. I would like to think that we will all see the real Frank

McGarvey this season.

"He was with us on a week's holiday in Majorca and that in itself is a good thing. It helped him to get to know everyone better and that is important.

"Frank has worked hard in training and I'm sure he will achieve the success he is looking for."

McGarvey had the strange distinction last season of seeing both his clubs knocked out of the European Cup by the same 3-0 scoreline away from home. He was with Liverpool when they were thrashed by Dinamo Tbilisi in Russia and he was with Celtic when they were on the receiving end of the identical scoreline against Real Madrid in Spain.

"That's all in the past now," says McGarvey. "I'm really looking forward to life at Parkhead, and I'm delighted to be a Celt.

"I have never hidden my admiration for them. I used to support them when I was a boy and I must say the fans have been great.

## 'Forget'

"They were wonderful last season. I'll never forget the day when we drew 0-0 with St. Mirren, my old club, at Love Street and heard the news that Aberdeen had won the League by beating Hibs at Easter Road.

"No one could have blamed the fans for grumbling, but, amazingly, they stayed until well after the game chanting and singing.

"That meant an awful lot to the team. We were all sick at throwing away the title. But those supporters rallied round and helped gee us up for the forthcoming Cup Final.

"There was no way we could lose after that encouragement. The Cup Final success was as much for them as it was for us."

Last season was frustrating for McGarvey as his career turned cartwheels. He had some outspoken comments to make about Liverpool and obviously he wasn't happy with his treatment at Anfield.

Now he has settled into Parkhead and manager McNeill stresses: "He was a long term buy for the club. He has got a lot to offer in the coming years."

McGarvey aims to repay the £275,000 fee with immaculate performances which he hopes will also push him into the international arena.



Gregor Stevens (centre) is settling in at Rangers after an unsuccessful spell in England at Leicester City.



**T**HE £175,000 misfit... that was the tag that was cruelly placed on Gregor Stevens last season after his whistle-stop stay at Leicester City.

He played only a handful of games for the Filbert Street side



Manager John Greig.

## STEVENS' NIGHTMARE IS OVER

boss at Rangers.

"I kept tabs on him when he went South and I didn't hesitate when I knew he wanted to come back again.

"He'll be a good player for the club. Last season was his settling in period. There are a lot of things that can affect a player's form one way or another after a transfer.

"It took Gregor quite a while to sell his house in Leicester and that can be a nagging worry. Now everything is clear for him to show his capabilities."

## Efforts

Greig has worked long and hard in the transfer market in his efforts to breathe new life into Rangers. As well as paying £175,000 for Stevens he spent £210,000 for Dundee midfielder Ian Redford.

And, of course, he lashed out another £160,000 for Partick Thistle's Colin McAdam and a similar fee for midfield player Jim Bett, from Belgian club SK Lokeren.

Greig is trying to establish a new playing pattern at Ibrox and there were some teething troubles last season as players got used to each other's styles.

In such trying circumstances it is difficult to hit it off right away, and Gregor Stevens got better as the months went by. He was first class in the Scottish Cup Final against Celtic.

"Rangers are a glamour club who deserve success," says Stevens. "It's up to us players to keep them at the top."

after his close season transfer from Motherwell, and the same price tag followed him back to Scotland as John Greig took him to Rangers.

"Things didn't quite go as planned last season," says Stevens. "I never settled in England at all and I was happy to get back to Scotland.

"It's a pity we didn't win anything last term, but it was a period of transition with new players being brought into the team. You'll see a big improvement this time out."

Stevens is likely to take over the back-four spot of former international star Tom Forsyth.

Forsyth has been bedevilled by injury and, looking to the future, John Greig will be making Stevens the anchor man in his defence.

Last season was a nightmare for Stevens and his colleagues. He found difficulty in settling into the line-up that was being reshuffled by manager Greig and his form dipped in the general decline at Ibrox.

"I have no doubt about the lad's ability," says Greig. "I liked the look of him when he played for Motherwell and I had tried to sign him when he was at Fir Park.

"He would have been my first signing for the club if the former Motherwell manager Roger Hynd had accepted my bid. I made that offer only months after becoming





"The Belgians (white strip) gained success by copying the defensive approach of the Italians."

# 'FOOTBALL BECOMING

**I** REMEMBER chatting with a Chelsea director on the team coach a few years ago, returning from an away trip, and I said that as a player I would settle for winning every match 1-0. The director disagreed, preferring a few 5-4 defeats.

It's a very difficult problem to solve: the need to win, but also entertain at the same time. Some fans may feel that simply winning amounts to entertainment... that a victory, by whatever score and whatever means, is all that matters.

Manchester United fans don't think that way. We simply wouldn't be allowed to play a containing game. Whether we're 1-0 or 4-0 up, they want us to keep going forward.

I couldn't say that entertaining them is necessarily more important than winning, but at Old Trafford we have to do everything in style.

Sadly, more and more teams are adopting a safety-first attitude. They seem to think that if the opposition don't score, they can't lose... which is correct, although it doesn't help football.

Having said that, it is very easy to talk a good game of attacking soccer. Playing it is harder.

The last major change in our football was the change from the old M-W formation — the days of wing-halves and inside-forwards — to 4-3-3 and 4-2-4. Despite the fancy figures, there isn't really any difference, though; it's just that the positions have more modern names, now.

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It doesn't seem as if winners set trends these days, either, because I've seen an awful lot of sides copying the Italians lately. Belgium proved in the European Championship that a tight defence can be most effective, even if ultimately West Germany's more fluent style rightly won the competition.

If I can foresee any particular change in style during the 80's it's that teams must play more one-two's around the edge of the opponents' penalty-area to get past a massed defence.

We're the only League of the top European nations that doesn't operate man-for-man marking. This isn't too much of a disadvantage as the Italians and company have so many men back at times that even if you lose your marker, there's another there waiting for you. It's almost the same as our zonal system where the nearest defender marks you.

What I did notice in the European Championship was how some sides' defenders attacked to good purpose. We tend to be too rigid, always wanting four men back, even if the other team is using only two

strikers.

Our teams are afraid to be exploited down the flanks, but I feel we should improvise more and allow our back men to go forward.

I suppose being realistic, nothing will change while our set-up forces us to play so many games. As THAT won't alter, we must accept that the emphasis will be on team-effort rather than individuals.

If I were a fan, I'd love to go and



Archie Gemmill

watch the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Ossie Ardiles, Graham Rix and Glenn Hoddle . . . players who can excite and win a game with one flash of genius.

I mean no disrespect to Kenny when I say that as a Liverpool player he is simply part of a great team rather than an individual, despite his personal triumphs.

A few years ago Dave Sexton was manager of a very good Queens Park Rangers side that was pipped for the title by Liverpool. Rangers were the nearest we've had to a Continental team and I watched them as often as I could.

Dave had the right players for the system he wanted and I have often wondered that had Rangers been Champions whether other clubs would have copied them.

While our clubs are regularly successful in Europe, the national team hasn't won anything. Obviously, the likes of Forest and Liverpool are boosted by the presence of Scots, Welsh and Irish stars.

Somehow, our clubs can come from behind to win, but at an international level it appears that the team which scores first wins. Think back over as many international games as you can and try and find sides who have gone 1-0 down yet still won. You won't come across many.

I don't go along with those who say playing 70 games a season is tiring. I've experienced long seasons with Chelsea and United, and the season drags only when you're losing.

When I was relegated with Chelsea it was a long haul. On the other hand, last season flew by as

United challenged for the title.

It isn't easy for a manager to decide how to play. If he isn't successful, chances are he'll be sacked. At the same time, too often he is blamed for poor performances by his players and that isn't his fault.

For instance, it wasn't Dave Sexton's fault that Ipswich put six past us last season. The marking was terrible and I'm sure I speak for the players when I say it was the team rather than the manager that should carry the can.

One manager I expect to be reasonably happy this season is Jim Smith, who is in charge of our opponents this Saturday (August 23rd) Birmingham City. I reckon the Blues will do quite well in 1980/81.

The side has been labelled Dad's Army because it has a few veterans. When Chelsea were promoted from Division Two, one reason we struggled was because we didn't have enough old hands around to lead the youngsters.

## Establish

Colin Todd and Archie Gemmill will be vital to Blues as they try to establish themselves. I'm a particular fan of Archie, who should still lead Scotland despite his age. Few players inspire their team-mates as well as he does and Nottingham Forest found it hard to replace the tiny Scot in their midfield.

I'll also be interested to see how centre-half Joe Gallagher shapes up. He looked useful until he lost a year of his career with a broken leg. Now back to full fitness, he will relish the challenge of Division One.

Join me in a fortnight when I'll be talking about our World Cup qualifying tie against Norway.

*Ray Wilkins*



"The Manchester United supporters will never allow us to sit on a lead — we must always attack to keep them happy."



## TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

# Quiz Time

## TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Southampton full-back Ivan Golac is a Czechoslovakian international.
2. In winning the Third Division Championship last season, Grimsby Town were beaten three times in the League at Blundell Park.
3. Second Division Orient were originally known as Clapton Orient, then Leyton Orient.
4. Scottish Premier Division Champions Aberdeen were the first British club to take part in the European Cup in 1955-56.

## PAST STARS...

1. Johnny Haynes, for many years an inspiration for Fulham and England, hit the world headlines in 1961... why?
2. Dixie Dean set a Football League goalscoring record when, in season 1927-28, he scored 50, 60 or 70 League goals for Everton?
3. One of the biggest-hearted players was Dave Mackay, who made a

complete recovery from two broken legs. He played for Spurs, Derby County and Swindon in the Football League. Which Scottish club did he begin his League career with?

4. His initials are J.D. and he made a record 764 Football League appearances for Portsmouth between 1946 and 1965... can you identify him?

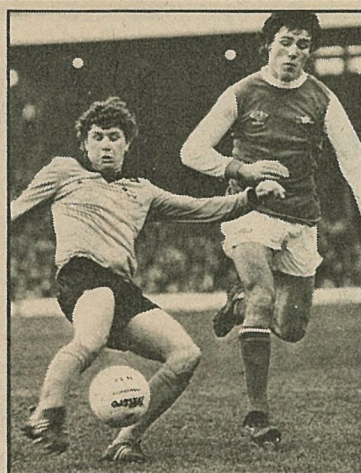
## ...AND PRESENT

1. Jim Montgomery recently returned from Nottingham Forest to Sunderland or Birmingham City on a free transfer?
2. Who played in the number three shirt for Arsenal when they lost 1-0 to West Ham in last season's F.A. Cup Final at Wembley?
3. Tottenham's Terry Yorath has played for two other First Division clubs... can you name them?
4. Did Manchester United's Martin Buchan ever skipper his former club, Aberdeen, to the Scottish Cup Final?

## ON THE BALL ANSWERS:—

ACROSS:— (1) Son. (3) Tainton. (5) Banjo. (7) Sheds. (11) Gordon Hill. (12) Dell. (14) (Field) Mill. (15) Ian Wallace. (16) Sense. (19) Adept. (21) Watford. (22) Ann. (Annfield).

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## PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph (left) taken during a Derby v. Arsenal clash last season, and see if you can answer the following questions.

1. Can you identify the two players going for the ball?
2. Where was the game played?
3. What was the result?
4. This will be Derby's first season in the Second Division since 1966-67, 1967-68 or 1968-69?

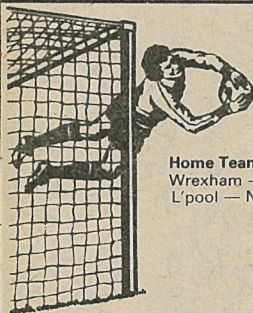
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## TRACE-A-TEAM

The names of ten Arsenal players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot. The first has been indicated as a guide.

## ANSWERS:

PICTURE PUZZLE. 1. Steve Emery (left) and Arsenal's son, Young Rice, O'Leary, Brady, Frank Stapleton. 2. Highbury, Talbot, Stapleton, Sunderland, home of Arsenal. 3. Arsenal won 1-0. 4. Yes, in 1970.  
TRACE-A-TEAM. 1. Sunderland. 2. John Devine. 3. Leeds United and Coventry City. 4. Yes, in 1970.  
PAST STARS. 1. He became the first £100 a week player. 2. 60. 3. Hearts. 4. True. 4. False — it was Hibernian.  
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# Brighton's City 'murder' convinced Robinson

**M**ICHAEL Robinson's career has been eventful in the past year to say the least. Now Brighton's new signing is hoping that the transfer headlines in which he has figured so prominently are firmly behind him.

When Robinson signed for Manchester City from Preston a year ago, his £750,000 fee made him the third costliest player in British history at the time.

Now he has joined Brighton as a striker for little more than half that money, determined to prove that the events at Maine Road never reflected his true ability.

Yet even when the prospect of a move to the South Coast was first mentioned, things did not run absolutely smoothly. Robinson was undecided about the move, and Alan Mullery suddenly called the whole deal off only to rekindle his interest nine days later.

"I couldn't immediately sign for Brighton because I wanted to clarify the situation at Manchester City once and for all. But at the same time I didn't want to reject them because I was more than interested in playing for such an ambitious club," Robinson insists.

The major dilemma facing Robinson was the prospect of leaving his native Lancashire. "I loved the area, and all my family and friends live in the North-West," Robinson continued.

"It was a wrench to leave Manchester City, because despite what people may think I enjoyed my time there. But in the end I could not turn Alan Mullery down. He reminded me of Nobby Stiles — my old boss at Preston. He is a very persuasive and talented manager, and when he told me that I would be the perfect replacement for Ray Clarke I believed him."

Now Robinson is looking to forge an entertaining and attacking new striker partnership with

Peter Ward. Indeed, it was the prospect of playing alongside Ward which became one of the decisive factors in Robinson's decision to go to the Goldstone Ground.

"I remember watching him playing against City last season. Brighton murdered us in that game, and Peter was brilliant. I remember turning round to Bobby Shinton, who was also out of favour at the time, and telling him that I would really enjoy playing with such a gifted forward."

What is more, Robinson will be playing in his favourite

*Michael Robinson (right) is looking forward to playing alongside Peter Ward (below) in the new-look Brighton forward line.*



position — as an out and out striker. "At City I was played all over the place, and I couldn't understand why Malcolm Allison had paid so much for me if he didn't think I could do a job for him in my natural place."

"For most of the time I might as well have stood on the touchline, or even sat in the stands. I wasn't the only City player out of position, and I'm sure it was because we were constantly changing our tactics that we didn't get the results."

"Having to play with such a huge price tag around my neck also bothered me," Robinson confessed. "I base my game on simplicity. I certainly wouldn't call myself the most skilful player in the world, and never thought I was worth nearly £1 million."

"But the City crowd were great. They always gave me a lot of encouragement, and I always tried to give 110 per cent in return."

"I shall always consider my time at City to be the period when I grew up as man as well as a player. The Manchester public are soccer fanatics, and even when I was playing badly they gave me a lot of support."

"I was only 20 when I joined City, and couldn't really handle all the pressure. I now feel ten years older, and would like to think that people are now going to see the best of Michael Robinson."

Despite reports to the contrary, Robinson denies that it was a personality clash with manager Malcolm Allison which led to his departure from Maine Road.

## 'Disagreed'

"Malcolm was a great motivator, and even when he was playing me out of what I believed to be my best position I still gave everything for him. The only area we disagreed on was where I should be playing. I had to feel wanted by Malcolm Allison, but when it became clear that he was prepared to let me go I had to make the break as quickly as possible."

But Robinson does not wish to dwell on the past too long. Ahead of him lies a long and exciting future in the First Division at Brighton, and he will be teaming up with his old Preston team-mates Mark Lawrenson and Gary Williams at Brighton.

"Mark and Gary are two of the best defenders in the country at the moment," says Robinson. "It will be nice to team up with two old friends, and I am sure that this move will prove a great success both for myself and the club."

Certainly Alan Mullery is happy with his new acquisition. On completing the protracted transfer, he claimed: "Michael Robinson is the centre-forward to take the First Division by the scruff of the neck."

Robinson responds: "Respectability will not be enough for Alan Mullery this season. He will be looking for a place in Europe, and I hope I can help him achieve that goal."

"Despite everything, I sincerely hope that Manchester City do almost as well as Brighton. I know I'll have mixed feelings about returning to Maine Road."



**C**LIVE Woods' move from Ipswich to Norwich is providing him with the biggest challenge of his 11-year career.

Says Clive: "Ever since I made my debut for Ipswich in 1969, I have played solely at outside-left. Now, I'm playing on the right wing, which means I'm coming up against an entirely new set of defenders and doing everything on the opposite side of the field.

"Instead of meeting my old right-back opponents, whose style I'm familiar with, I'll be taking on players whose technique is as new to me as mine is to them. I'm naturally hoping that I'll fit in as well as a right-winger as I did over ten seasons on the left.

"I'm a right-footed player, but able to use my left foot. I feel that the switch should help improve my game, and I have set myself a target of ten goals. But I would be delighted if I could surpass it and perhaps notch 15.

"In my years with Ipswich, I used to average about six or seven goals a season. I always felt that I should improve on this, although my main job was to provide chances for my colleagues. Today, I still plan to lay on scoring opportunities for others, while creating some for myself."



pleased that the groin injury which kept me out of action for 14 weeks last season has given me no further trouble.

"I'm 100 per cent fit to give maximum support to our strikers. Now that Joe Royle has signed from Bristol City, Justin Fashanu and Keith Robson will really have to be on their toes.

"Assuming we pick up plenty of points and are playing attractive football, there is good reason to anticipate that more people will come to watch us.

"Norwich have a hard core of supporters, about 16,000, who will always turn up. Then there are the capacity crowds of double that number who roll up when teams like Liverpool and Manchester United come to Carrow Road.

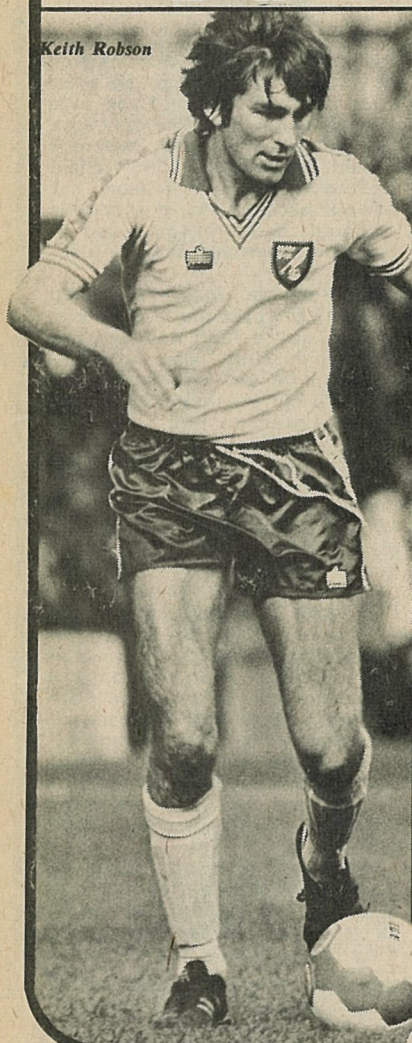
"But what I would like to see are larger attendances for visiting sides with average appeal."

And while a sound League position, plus bigger gates for Norwich, will make Woods a happy man, he is in no doubt about what would rate with him as the perfect bonus — the appearance of City at Wembley in an F.A. Cup Final.

"In the past, Norwich have had their share of League Cup Finals," says Clive. "But in the 80's, it would be great if we were able to put the F.A. Cup on display."

# Woods goes the right way for success

Keith Robson



For the 30-year-old Woods, the transfer to his home-town club, Norwich, has fulfilled his expectations.

"It had been in the back of my mind for some time that I would like to finish my playing days here at Carrow Road. I was born in Norwich, had my home here when I was with Ipswich, and although I had only 11 matches for City last term, really felt settled when the crowd started chanting my name.

"I had never achieved this sort of recognition at Ipswich. Now my ambition is to show my appreciation to the Norwich fans by playing well enough to justify the support they've given me.

"It's vital that Norwich maintain a respectable position in the League somewhere in the top ten — and to do so we will have to improve on last season's away record. We lost 12 games when travelling, compared to only three defeats at home.

"Manager John Bond is determined to maintain our improvement. Pre-season training was the hardest I have ever done, and I was

Justin Fashanu shows his commitment against Sammy Lee of Liverpool at Carrow Road.





# Now it's BIG TIME CROOKS

**G**ARTH Crooks could not put pen to paper quickly enough when Tottenham moved in with a £600,000 offer to buy him from Stoke.

For they offered the England Under-21 striker the chance he had dreamed of — a move to a big time club ambitious to get back among the game's top honours.

Crooks signed like a shot. Yet he is at pains to point out that he did not ask for a transfer.

"I made no request to go on the list, and my contract had not expired either," explains Crooks.

"Stoke boss Alan Durban decided he needed some money to strengthen the side in certain positions and selling me was the best way for him to raise it.

"He decided he could afford to let me go because he claimed to have adequate cover up-front, but had to act urgently to do some rebuilding elsewhere in the team.

"He called me in one day to explain the position. And I readily agreed it was time I moved on.

"Although I'm still only 22 I have been in the Stoke side since I was 17 and I'm as ambitious as anyone to win things.

"I want to get on in the game, go as far as possible. And my chances of doing that will be greatly enhanced by this transfer to Tottenham.

"They are one of the greatest clubs in the game and have a set-up that any player would be proud to be part of. I'm hoping my career will really take off now."

That career began when Tony Waddington — Stoke manager at the time — spotted the potential of the well-built coloured kid who attended the school next door to the Victoria Ground.

But Crooks was NOT — as generally supposed — signed after kicking a ball incessantly against the wall of Waddington's office.

"I used to kick a ball against the wall of a bus

garage near where I lived. But that was some way from the Stoke ground and there's no way Mr Waddington would have been aware of that," he says.

"But he could well have seen me juggling a ball, and trying to do other tricks, in the school playground that Stoke use as a car park on match days.

"Whatever it was, I was offered apprentice terms and was happy to sign for my local club."

Crooks served that local club well and had established himself in the first team inside a couple of years of leaving school.

## Credit

He had to wait a while before the call from his country came and now has four Under-21 caps to his credit.

The next target is promotion to the full squad. And he rates his chances of achieving that considerably higher now he is a Tottenham player.

"Coming to Spurs must be a step in the right direction as far as my international future is concerned," Crooks claims.

"I could not believe how readily I was accepted by all the players and staff there. I thought I would find it strange and feel a bit like a fish out of water for a while — but it never happened.

"They say that all that was lacking last season was a few goals. Manager Keith Burkinshaw has acted boldly to try and put that right — signing Steve Archibald from Aberdeen, as well as myself.

"And if I can hit the target a few times to help them among the honours I'll be delighted for everyone at White Hart Lane.

"They are smashing people, and everyone is working so hard to bring success."

*Crooks marked his England Under 21 debut with a hat-trick against Bulgaria at Leicester.*



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*Alan Young*

**FULL NAME:** Alexander Forbes Young  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland  
**BIRTHDATE:** October 26, 1955  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft 1/2in  
**WEIGHT:** 12st 7lbs  
**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Oldham Athletic  
**MARRIED:** To Julie  
**CHILDREN:** Two boys Wesley (2) and Jordan (3 months)  
**CAR:** Fiat 131 Mirafiori  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Daily Star  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Kenny Dalglish  
**MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE:** Larry May  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Leicester reserves  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** Peter Osgood  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:** Golf and snooker  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** West Ham's Billy Bonds  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** At Orient when we clinched the Second Division title  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** My last two years at Oldham  
**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** Oldham  
**FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK:** Spaghetti bolognese, lager  
**NICKNAME:** Too rude to mention  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES:** Playing with my sons, a good film, dining out, party political broadcasts, bad refs, losing  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Majorca  
**FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE:** Donald Sutherland and Cheryl Ladd  
**FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:** Putting my feet up  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Steely Dan, Billy Joel, Gerry Rafferty  
**AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE:** Couple of pints with the lads, home about 8 o'clock and watch the football on TV  
**BEST FRIEND:** Martin Henderson (team-mate)  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My wife, my dad, Andy Lohead and Jock Wallace, who were all there when most needed  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Two Scotland Schoolboy caps  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To win the First Division with Leicester and to play for Scotland  
**IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?** Probably teaching  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** Ilie Nastase